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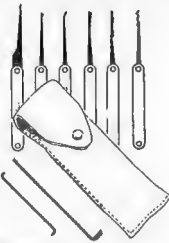
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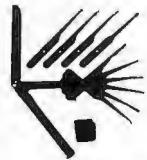
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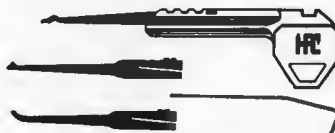
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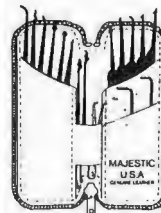
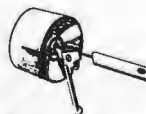


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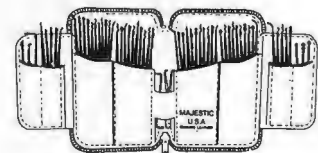
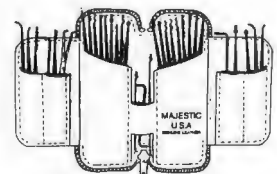
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SOF Raped by Supreme Court — But Not Impaled

It's over.

Soldier Of Fortune's longest battle — seven years of juries, courtrooms, briefs, motions, countermotions, ad infinitum — has ended. Looking back I can honestly say I prefer being napped by the Russians, rocketed by the Sandinistas, mortared by the Burmese or on the receiving end of incoming from the NVA, to jousting with bloodsucking attorneys.

Now it's time for a final look at why *SOF* was dragged over the coals by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court does not explain why it refuses to hear a case, so we can only speculate what went into its reasoning. Various attorneys have suggested that the Court refused to hear the case "...because it was an aberration; the facts of the case were unsavory; guns were involved; and, *SOF* was not politically correct." Yeah, we stand accused and up yours.

As *Newsday* pointed out, *SOF* did not stand alone in this case and was "...backed by the nation's publishing establishment — from Time Inc. to *High Times* magazine, which supports the legalization of marijuana." In fact, it's probably the first time that *High Times* and the *Village Voice* came down on the same side of an issue as the National Rifle Association.

However, not all the press were in *SOF's* corner by a long shot. A behind-the-scenes campaign was mounted against us by media who thought that *Braun vs. SOF* was not the right case with which to make precedent-setting law. That is why many of the large daily newspapers refused to sign our support brief, including *The New York Times*, *L.A. Times* and *The Washington Post*. It's interesting to note that after we lost our appeal in the 11th Circuit Court, the liberal *Washington Post* stated in an editorial, "the [Supreme Court] really needs to take this

one on and give some guidance. The industry obviously has a stake in the matter, but so does the public."

The Chronicle Publishing Co., publishers of the *San Francisco Chronicle*; McClatchy Newspapers Inc., publishers of *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Fresno Bee* and *The Modesto Bee*; Copley Press Inc., publishers of *The San Diego Union-Tribune*; Freedom Newspapers Inc., publishers of *The Orange County Register* and Hearst Newspapers decided against supporting us. Some felt it was not desirable to run the risk of the Supreme Court affirming this case, others did not want to be associated with *SOF*.

The bittersweet irony of this whole situation is that the plaintiffs didn't do their homework prior to the jury trial. They thought they had a cash cow, but all they are getting is goblin's gold, i.e., pennies on the dollar.

Their light bulbs finally went on when they found that what they thought to be valuable Persian rugs, paintings by old masters and Ming dynasty vases, were in fact beat-up secondhand furniture, obsolete computer equipment and innumerable posters taking jabs at the loony left and Handgun Control Inc.

Sorry about that, guys, but not very — all *SOFers* are welcome to drop by our offices and see what I mean.

Samuel Francis in the 22 February issue of *Insight* magazine suggested, "Maybe if *Soldier Of Fortune* does go out of business ... its last issue should be devoted to how to strangle a Supreme Court justice without making too much noise." I think that's a bit much, but I would like to give them each a swift kick in the ass.

For background and another opinion of the case, see our reprint of a James Kilpatrick column on page 27. ✕

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Maj. Jure Schmidt, executive officer of the King Tomislav Brigade at Tomislavgrad, Bosnia, was killed in an ambush shortly before we went to press. Shown here (at right) inspecting the lines with *SOF*'s Editor/Publisher Robert K. Brown about a month before his death. Schmidt and 16 other soldiers were killed in an ambush while en route to sort out some problems between the Croats and their nominal Moslem allies. Schmidt had served six years in the West German army, rising to the rank of lieutenant in a *Jaeger* (mechanized cavalry) unit, as well as serving in the French Foreign Legion. He was a genuine professional with a lot of good ideas, and his death is a great loss to the Croatian cause in Bosnia.
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RRI is still collecting medical supplies and equipment for the former contras in Nicaragua and for other refugees and war victims in Central and South America. Our last shipment was several thousand dollars' worth of diagnostic equipment to Woody and Diane Jenkins' "Friends of the Americas," an ongoing quality medical program in Central America. The motor freight on this just about drained RRI's financial resources, except for dedicated funds donors specified for the Karen project.

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In a recent Cold Steel knife ad in *SOF*, Lynn Thompson was shown as a big game hunter with an elephant. As a result, Thompson has been receiving threatening/

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WROOOONG, GUV ...

Virginia's Gov. Doug Wilder recently decried the Gun Owner's Foundation (GOF) for their 1993 high-school essay contest, "How Waiting Periods Threaten Public Safety: Lessons of the L. A. Riots." Wilder said that having high

Capt. Norman Olson USN (Ret), organizing director of the UDT/SEAL Museum just north of Fort Pierce, Florida. Only 7 years old this past November, the museum had more than 22,000 visitors last year, and an expansion project is nearly complete that will triple its size to 3,700 square feet of exhibits. Originally started with the collaboration of several area UDT/SEAL retirees, it is now a joint venture of the State of Florida and St. Lucie County. The UDT/SEAL Museum Association operates the facility, and yes, they *do* collect artifacts relating to the original Scouts and Raiders, NCDUs, UDTs or SEALs. With indoor and outdoor exhibits, the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1000 to 1600 and Sunday from 1200 to 1600. It is a "don't miss" attraction when you are in the area.
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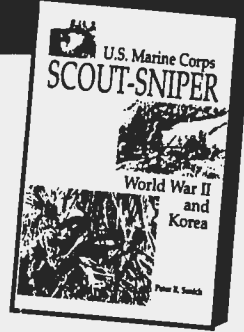
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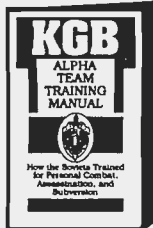
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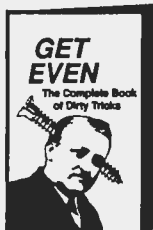
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SOF's tech editor and resident gun guru, Peter G. Kokalis, will be showing the flag for us at the Great Western Gun Show at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona, California, 30 April through 2 May 1993. Look for the *Soldier Of Fortune* banners in Building 4.

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J. THOMPSON RUGER

1945 — 1993

J. Thompson Ruger, vice president for marketing of Sturm, Ruger & Co. Inc. and son of arms industry giant Bill Ruger, has succumbed to leukemia.

J. Thompson Ruger was born in Southport, Connecticut, to Mary Thompson Ruger and William B. Ruger. He grew up in Southport and attended Salisbury School and the University of Denver.

Ruger served with the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam War and joined the family firm in 1971. For years he was active in the organization of many non-professional national and international shooting competitions, and at his death was a member of the board of directors of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Survived by his wife Hedi K. Ruger, sons and daughters, his parents and a sister and brother, J. Thompson Ruger will be missed in an industry where he was known for his personal integrity and creativity.

Funeral services were held on 4 February, in Southport. The family has requested that persons wishing to memorialize Mr. Ruger should send funds to the Mount Sinai Medical Center, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, New York, NY 10029.

RELOCATING A FEW GOOD MEN

The Second Marine Division is proud of its campaigns (Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, Cuban crisis, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm),

and the Second Marine Division Association is looking for all former and present Marines who have served with the Second. The association is not just a social organization, although there is an annual reunion slated this September for Denver. To learn about association benefits, contact Bill Smith, Dept. SOF, 21500 Lassen St., No. 168, Chatsworth, CA 91311; phone: 818-341-0504.

REUNIONS

First Special Service Force Association 47th Annual Reunion, 11-14 Aug 93 @ Quebec City, Canada, POC: John R. Dawson, Rt 2, Box 47, Farmer City, IL 61842.

Fifth Army Association, Vets of Italian Campaign — WWII, plan a tour of battlefields of that campaign, fall 1993. POC: Sy Canton, Fifth Army Association, 465 Shore Road, Suite 7P, Long Beach NY 11561.

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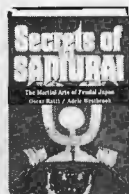
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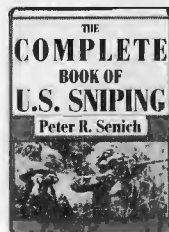
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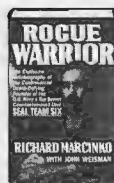
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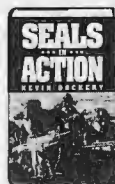


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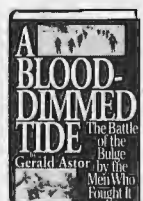
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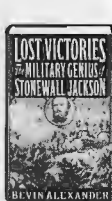
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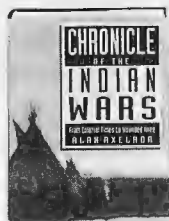
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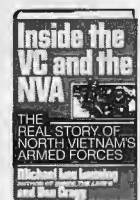
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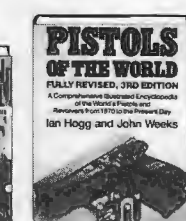
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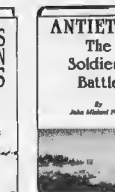
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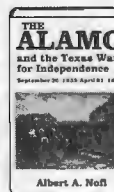
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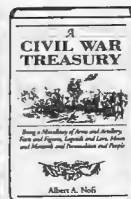


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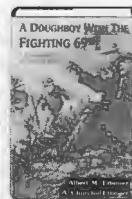
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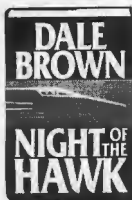
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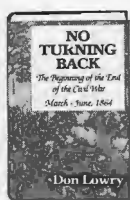
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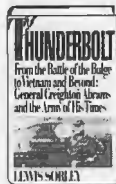
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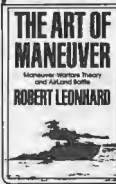
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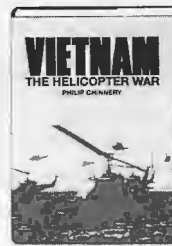
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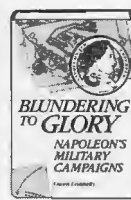
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In the "World SitRep" survey in the January 1993 issue, I'm afraid you've unwittingly repeated communist propaganda. You allege that in Estonia 600,000 Russians are stripped of their citizenship. But many of these "ethnic Russians" are part of the more than 100,000 Russian, formerly Soviet, troops still occupying the now independent countries of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

What the Baltic States have said is that Russians who have lived there more than 10 years and have learned the local language can apply for citizenship. Those who have shown a sincere desire to fit in are welcome; those who have come merely as exploiters and occupiers are not! There's a big difference between this policy and the policy that you describe which smacks of ethnic discrimination.

Some readers may imagine that the Cold War is over but Russian troops continue to occupy the Baltic States. And they continue to operate top secret radar and tracking stations like the one hidden at Skrunda in Latvia [pictured]. This particular station emits dangerous electromagnetic fields and radiation which have had negative effects on local livestock and human health conditions.

Veners Cinis
Toronto, Ontario

MOSLEMS TO BLAME FOR BALKAN MESS

Peter Douglas ("Along Bosnia's Ho Chi Minh Trail," *SOF* Feb. '93) seems to have great sympathy for the Moslems in Bosnia. With Iranian-backed fundamentalists pouring in looking for martyrdom, I find it unbelievable that the West — and especially the U.S. — is supporting such a regime.

The reason this dirty civil war began in the first place was because the Serbs, who make up almost 40% of Bosnia's population, chose to fight rather than be forced to live under a Moslem government following the stupidity of early recognition. During the Gulf War, Bosnia's Moslems openly supported Saddam Hussein and called for the downfall of America. In the Second World War, they sided with Nazi Germany while Serbian *chetnik* guerrillas fought on the Allied side killing Nazis and communists.

Yet for some reason the West, led by the United States, which in turn has been pressured by the Arab world, has turned on the Serbs and said simply, shut up and accept your new Moslem regime in Sarajevo. What a double standard!

Mark Fitzgerald
Toronto, Ontario

Mr. Fitzgerald's bizarre interpretations of both history and current events are beyond argument. It is worthy to note

that the subject of Peter Douglas' article, Giles Pace, was motivated to help the Moslems in Bosnia so they would not be forced to rely on radical fundamentalists, thereby further complicating the Bosnian situation.

FLOWERS TO THE LIVING

As a simple matter of "giving flowers to the living," I'd like to say a couple of things about Bob Brown and his magazine.

You know that many of our countrymen tend to look on "the *Soldier of Fortune* crowd" either as a threat to the nation's moral fiber or as some vile group of assassins. My experience with you and the magazine indicates just the opposite is true. While I can't say I agree with every editorial viewpoint or article published in *SOF*, I can say with total sincerity that you as a person and the magazine as an institution have contributed in innumerable ways to the exposure of communism as the fraud it has always been and to its worldwide collapse.

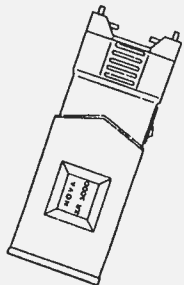
In some ways, it might be said that the so-called "Reagan Doctrine" was scripted in the pages of *SOF* long before Reagan became president. The assistance rendered to anti-communist guerrilla groups by his administration had been long advocated (and practiced) by you personally and by your magazine. Truly, America owes you both a debt of gratitude for carrying on the good fight until victory. How ironic it is that having been, in a certain sense, a bellwether of the West's victory over communism, some despise you all the more.

As for me, I will choose my friend by the enemies he makes, and you, Bob, have made all the right enemies. I am proud to call you friend and I personally know that there are many thousands who, while they don't know you personally, feel the same way. And while you may have lost the recent court case, you have won something far more important in the eyes of those who actually read what you publish and listen to what you say; you have won their gratitude and respect.

So, be proud of what "those other guys" may call you; after all, unlike them, you can claim *direct* involvement in the triumphs of freedom — Angola, Salvador, Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Mozambique and on and on. It can be said that when Lady Freedom walked into newly liberated nations, she



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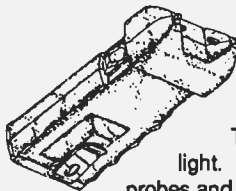
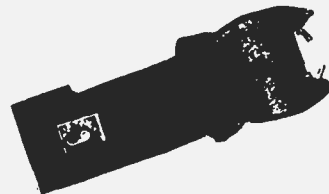
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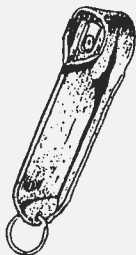


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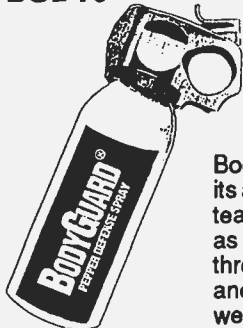
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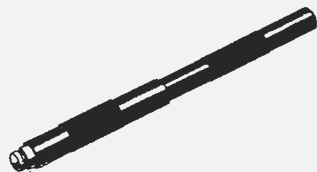
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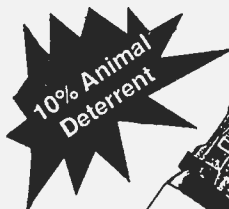
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Capt. Larry W. Bailey
Alexandria, Virginia
Commanding Officer Naval Special Warfare Center 1985-1988

LAST CLASS WITH BALLS

Excellent article on the idiocy of women in the military ["Dereliction of Duty," *SOF* Jan. '93]. I started Annapolis in the "LCWB" (Last Class With Balls) and saw the academy both before and after the girls arrived. Space permitting, let me share a few incidents:

- One girl decided to live out her sexual fantasies by hosting some dozen cadets in her rack (one at a time). Complete with bondage, no less. When a video fell into the hands of the brass (she was filming it for her girl friends back home), the males were severely disciplined, the hostess less so.

- A black female was afraid of heights and of water over her head. She absolutely refused to do the 16-foot drop from the diving board into the swimming pool, saying she was too afraid. Although the jump and various swim tests are required, the girl was allowed to continue and graduate without them, due to severe pressure by the media, congressmen and the NAACP.

- The peer-ranking system was turned into a joke. There was no way the females could fool their counterparts into believing they were competent, so the brass simply prostituted the system to avoid the public's realizing how incompetent the women were.

Finally, I'd like to point out that many of the girls went into Annapolis with the intention of having a nice adventure for two years, then dropping out. The military service obligation begins at the two-year mark, so those selfish girls had two years at taxpayers' expense,

served not one day in the military and, worst of all, deprived deserving males of their opportunity to go to Annapolis and serve their country.

The Unknown Ring Knocker,
USN
Los Angeles, California

HARD LINE OR WHITE LINE?

In reference to Dr. Shaeffer's letter in "FLAK" ("War On Drugs A Sham," *SOF* Feb. '93), I'd like to offer my two cents worth. I was in law enforcement for 13 years, four of those years in narcotics. Dr. Shaeffer was on the right track, he just didn't go far enough.

If you recall, at the beginning of his term, President Reagan talked about a "zero tolerance" policy. But this idea died very quickly — for lack of interest!

Two important facets of our drug problem are usually overlooked. First, we must recognize that the drug problem in America does not lie with the Colombian or Asian drug lords. The problem rests on the head of every "supply and demand" drug user in this country. Everyone participating in the demand is responsible for the supply. Economics tell us that if the demand dries up, the suppliers, i.e., the drug lords, go out of business.

Secondly, let's forget crime and rehabilitation and return to crime and punishment. The criminal justice system is a joke. Too many times, convicted drug dealers and users are set free, moments after the sentencing hearing. In order for the system to work, there has to be respect for the word of the court and the law. When the prescribed sentence for a class C felony is 10 to 15 years, the sentence must fit the crime and be carried out.

It is way past time for some serious change. It is time the cost and/or punishment for doing a crime outweigh the possible benefits from that crime. Otherwise we're just kidding ourselves, and we are doomed to fail in whatever war we pretend to wage against drugs.

Dan Bayes
Great Bend, Kansas

YELLOW-BELLIED, PINKO BOLOGNA

I was outraged by the article "Clinton's Surprises For Gun Owners" (*SOF* March '93). Having been raised in the Southeast and spending four

years in the service of my country, hearing such lily-livered, yellow-bellied pinko bologna really burned me up.

I feel that all law-abiding American citizens should have the right to own and play with any kind of toy they choose, if they do so safely. Whether it's baja-ing around in a 4x4 on old logging roads, restoring and flying old aircraft, shooting the rapids on white-water rivers, plinking at paper targets on a shooting range or running a controlled combat-weapons course, being able to do these types of things is what being an American is all about.

Robert Henderson
Hohenwald, Tennessee

DON'T SHORT SEALS

John Plaster ("Silver Badge Of Courage," *SOF* Feb. '93) implies that SOG was an all-Army show, which it wasn't. Navy SEALs and a limited number of Marine grunts also participated in SOG ops, and several such personnel earned the Medal of Honor: Give credit where credit is due!

E. I. Lostit
Arvada, Colorado

John Plaster responds: *Mr. Lostit is correct in stating SOG was a joint-service unconventional warfare group and, as he says, several Medals of Honor were earned by U.S. Navy SEALs, though I don't think all were actually assigned to SOG or executing SOG ops when they earned them. Without wishing to diminish one bit the contributions and bravery of SEALs, nor to instigate service-rivalry silliness, it must be pointed out that the vast majority of SOG cross-border operations were conducted by U.S. Army Special Forces under the OPS-35 Ground Studies Group.*

I'm sure the SEALs advocated intense operations against the coasts of North Vietnam and Cambodia, but the political fact is that U.S. policy limitations all but precluded such missions, causing these excellent warriors to be used mostly in-country. In addition to some SOG-SEAL ops in the Mekong River delta and along the adjacent Cambodian frontier, I am personally aware of several top-secret seaborne ops against North Vietnam, but the most dramatic ones restricted U.S. Navy personnel to an advisory role, with the missions executed by Vietnamese nationals.

As my article pointed out, SOG included some Force Recon personnel as trainers and advisers, but not to my knowledge as direct-action assets. The degree to which SEALs were used by SOG outside South Vietnam, therefore, was infrequent, an unfortunate politically dictated under-utilization. ✕

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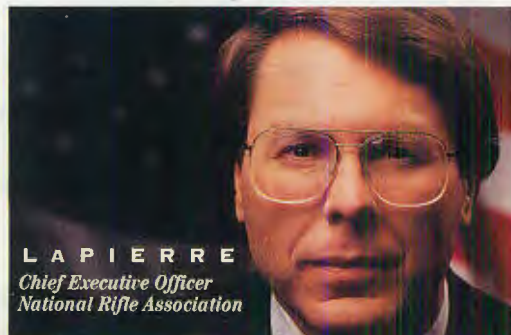
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WORLD SITREP

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Thailand

Police intercept two tanker trucks delivering fuel to Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Cambodia, indicating government will comply with U.N. sanctions aimed at bringing Khmer Rouge back into peace process ...

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Bangladesh

Customs police seize 640 gold bars in diplomatic luggage of a Russian national and another 400 bars in Chittagong harbor. Seizure, valued at \$1.75 million, was largest one-day haul of smuggled gold in country's history ...

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Taiwan

Attempt to purchase up to 10 new diesel submarines and 10 corvette warships from Germany falls apart due to German fears of economic retaliation by mainland Chinese government ...

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Pakistan

Mir Almal Kanshi, a Pakistani national sought for "random" shooting spree on 25 January at CIA's main gate in U.S., reported to have returned home one day after attack. Local authorities think suspect might have slipped into Afghanistan or Iran. Officials describe assailant as skilled marksman who wasted few shots in attack ...

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Peru

Shining Path guerrillas stage series of attacks, killing some 60 people; raids reflect opposition to municipal elections. General Sinesio Jarama, Peruvian counterinsurgency expert, concedes guerrillas apparently restored power element following captures of founder Abimael Guzman and top leaders ...

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Colombia

Disgruntled former gunmen of Medellin drug cartel break with leader Pablo Escobar, begin terror campaign against Escobar faction. Group calls itself PEPES (People Persecuted by Pablo Escobar), claims to fight for those killed or injured by cartel. PEPES has taken credit for several bombings and assassinations, including blowing up country home of Escobar's mother ...

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Angola

Battle for Huambo, country's second-largest city, becoming decisive test in 17-year civil war between Luanda-based Marxist troops and Jonas Savimbi's rebel UNITA forces. Savimbi appears to control areas in and around Huambo, as government mounts increasingly difficult relief expeditions. As of mid-February, reports put total dead at 15,000 ...

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Nagorno-Karabakh

Armenian forces claim Azerbaijanis converting stock of SA-5 Gammon SAMs into battlefield ballistic weapons. Also, Russian federation seems to be abandoning neutral posture toward Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict for pro-Armenian tilt ...

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Nicaragua

Fighting between government forces of President Chamorro and former contra rebels (now called recontras) results in 11 dead, 20 wounded in January. Recontras may number some 2,000 out of original U.S.-backed contra force of 20,000 ...

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Guatemala

Attempt by President Jorge Serrano to restart peace talks aimed at ending country's 32-year civil war comes up empty when leftist Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union chooses not to attend ...

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Philippines

Moslem rebels kill 25 government troops in ambush near town of Tuburan on Basilan Island, about 550 miles south of Manila. About 200 rebels participate in bloodiest counterinsurgency defeat for government in years ...

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Mali

Former President Moussa Traoré and three army officers sentenced to hang for ordering security forces to shoot demonstrators in March 1991, killing 106. Massacres led to army mutiny and overthrow of Traoré, ending 23-year regime ...

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Bosnia-Herzegovina

Moslem forces making some gains in east while Croats capture strategic dam from Serbs in west and also attack Moslems near central-Bosnian town of Gornji Vakuf. Surge in fighting believed prompted by growing pressure for internally imposed settlement or U.N. intervention ...

Some 100 British nationals reported fighting for Bosnian government, technically as mercs since they are paid \$35 per month, but volunteers in reality. Substantial number of these Brits served in Special Air Service (SAS) ...

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Saudi Arabia

Kingdom will buy \$7.75 billion more military equipment from Britain, including 48 Tornado VTOL aircraft. Plane buy would up Saudis' Tornado force to 120 and keep Tornados in production until 1997 ...

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South Korea

U.S. and Korea will resume Team Spirit military exercises following North Korea's refusal to permit nuclear facility inspections. Team Spirit '93 will involve 190,000 troops, including 50,000 U.S. personnel. Centerpiece to be amphibious landing near east coast port of Pohang ...

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El Salvador

Army demobilizes last of U.S.-trained counterinsurgency battalions — cuts promised in peace accord intended to end decade-long civil war ...

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Iraq

Pentagon concludes cruise missile raid on Industrial complex used in Iraqi missile program, along with attacks on radar sites, have caused Iraqis to "change their behavior." Iraqis now scrupulously observe no-fly zone and refrain from hindering U.N. inspections since attacks came in waning days of Bush administration ...

Ten Russian "volunteers" calling themselves "the Falcons" arrive to help fight against "evil empire of the USA." Men are members of the extreme Liberal Democratic Party ...

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Zaire

Defying Western demand that he leave country in face of mounting civil unrest, President Mobutu instead removes Etienne Tshisekedi, his Western-backed prime minister and adversary. Fighting between rival army units in city of Kinshasa leaves many dead, including French ambassador. French troops enter country to evacuate European nationals ...

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Israel

Country avoids U.N. sanctions by agreeing to take back about one-fourth of some 400 Islamic fundamentalists expelled last December; Israel reaps secondary benefit of not having to actually re-admit them as men refuse to return ...

Islamic fundamentalist organization Hamas faces problems getting Iran to deliver \$20 million stipend promised to bankroll operations in Israel and on West Bank. Iran said to be holding back funds because Hamas won't provide accounting of its membership and activities ...

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Turkey

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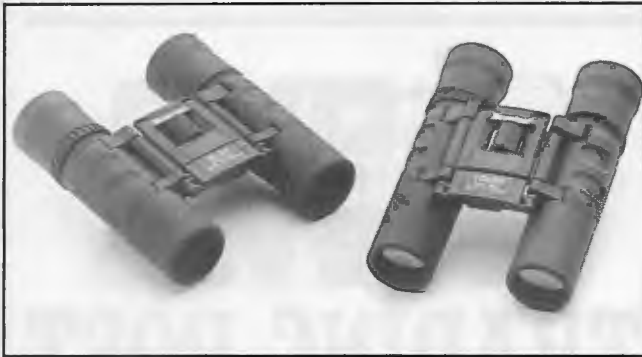
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GUN RIGHTS READING

We expect a blizzard of BS from the White House regarding gun ownership in America. The best, if not only, way to fight it is with hard facts. The below have recently crossed our desks, and we recommend them:

"Hold Your Fire" reprint from *Policy Review* by Dave Kopel. A good, balanced discussion that ultimately comes down on the side of gun ownership. Available from Heritage Foundation Publications Office by calling 202-544-4843.

Myths About Gun Control, NCPA Policy Report No. 176 by Morgan O. Reynolds and W. W. Caruth III. Hard facts and figures with an appeal for common sense; an excellent debunking tool to use on those who think they can control criminals by legislating away *your* rights. Available for \$10 from National Center for Policy Analysis, Dept. SOF, 12655 N. Central Expressway, Suite 20, Dallas, TX 75243; phone orders: 214-386-6272 (Visa, M/C).

"*Gun Control*" Gateway to Tyranny — *The Nazi Weapons Law, 18 March 1938*, by Jay Simkin and Aaron Zelman. A reprint of the law mentioned in the title, complete with English translation, analysis and comparison to U.S. gun laws, which indicates, at least from the authors' standpoint, that U.S. gun control laws have Nazi roots.

Whether gun control has Nazi roots or both Nazism and gun control have common roots in tyranny is not material: This volume documents a slice of history that illustrates, with stunning impact, what can happen to any people who are disarmed, and how this disarming process can start as "reasonable measures" in the name of "public safety" or "national interest." Large format, lay-flat binding, illustrated, \$22.90 postpaid from Jews For The Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO), Dept. SOF, 2872 S. Wentworth Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53207. ☞



SLICK WILLIE WATCH

Starting with this issue, adjunct to the "Bulletin Board" column, SOF will run a Slick Willie Watch. We hope this feature will only have a built-in four-year life span, and we solicit your contributions: jokes, cartoons, news clippings, xeroxed graffiti. Credit given unless you want to be anonymous, but no payment. All contributions must be in writing or faxed (303-444-5617) — no phone calls, please.

WILLIE MILITARY NEWS

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Don't you love how my tushy sways?
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Slick Willie's words upon my ears:
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you're queers"
I once was scared now I'm OK,
'Cause I'm a fag in the Queen Berets

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I love the pain, now spank my butt
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(submitted in various forms — with apologies to the late Barry Sadler — by a number of anonymous readers)

THE WHITE HOUSE TERRORIST CONNECTION?

This gets complicated, so listen up: You will remember ALF (Animal Liberation Front), listed by the FBI as one of the most dangerous terrorist organizations operating in the United States. And you will remember their media spokespeople, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). Well last year, Congress' Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) published a report "Technology Against Terrorism." Highlighting animal rights and ALF, the report noted that the ALF attacks "have had a significant impact on society, most importantly scientific progress in biomedical research." The report went on to characterize PETA's relations with ALF as "intermediaries to the press."

With us so far? For 13 years prior to becoming Clinton's newly confirmed science adviser, head of the OTA was John Gibbons. And, it has recently been revealed, Gibbon's wife is a contributor to PETA.

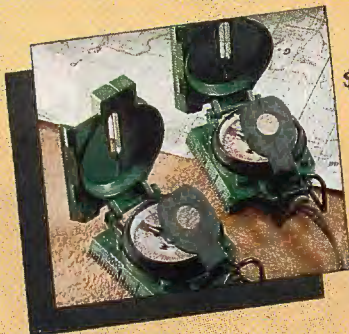
So exactly where does John Gibbons stand on animal use? An aide has stated that Gibbons does not support violence against researchers. During his confirmation hearing, he told senators, "I am particularly interested in a Native American concept of the use of animals. When the American Indian would kill an animal for food or shelter, the Indian would offer a prayer of thanksgiving to the animal for giving up its life so that the person might live." Well, we certainly have no quarrel with anyone who is appreciative of nature's succor. But I'll bet the pre-Columbians were *really* busy praying when they set fire to the prairie and stampeded a herd of buffalo over a cliff as a means of harvest.

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In light of the problems with confirmation of his appointees, several readers have suggested the following as logical shoo-ins:

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Cover & Concealment

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Cover and concealment are vital concepts in the study of tactics. If used properly, they can protect you from hostile gunfire, give you a base from which to fight and dramatically increase your chances of walking away from a gunfight unharmed.

Concealment is the less important of the two, because though it provides visual diffusion, it does not offer ballistic protection. A concealed position does not necessarily allow you to trade shots with the hostile, but it does provide a base from which to launch an assault. Concealment demands silence and stillness. Sometimes, this is all that is needed — if the hostile doesn't know you are there, he won't likely shoot you.

Concealment can only be used effectively *before* the fight to either launch an assault from an unknown position, or to remain hidden and avoid engaging the potential threat.

Cover, on the other hand, is designed to provide for both of the above circumstances in addition to providing protection during and after



Think of cover in terms of bullet-stopping power. The engine block of a vehicle provides adequate cover, the passenger compartment and glass components do not.

the fight. When thinking of cover, think of solid objects with great potential for stopping bullets: concrete walls, vehicle engine compartments, telephone poles, the corners of brick buildings, etc.

To use cover, three specific conditions must be present:

1. There must be enough *time* to reach cover safely.

2. There must be enough *distance* from the hostile to allow you to safely reach cover. Time and distance are necessarily linked.

3. You must have the *anticipation* that a fight is imminent. (Without this it really won't matter how much time or distance you have available.)

Some gun writers and police trainers advise to *always* seek cover first, regardless of the circumstances. In the same breath, they condemn the "John Wayne" types that stand up and shoot it out with the bad guys. It could very well be that these "experts" haven't properly thought the matter through.

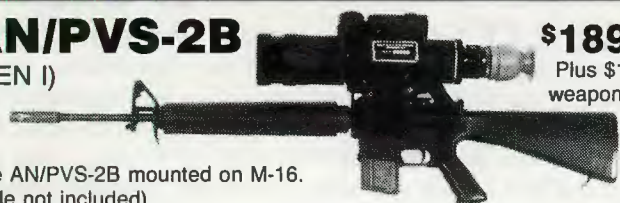
In close-range scenarios fights take place unexpectedly and usually involve pistols. Pistols are, after all, carried to stop unexpected fights. If trouble is expected, more powerful weapons are generally carried.

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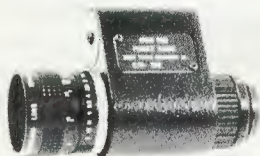


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Now is the time to move forward. *SOF* magazine *will* remain in business. We will forcefully speak out on the issues. We will continue to fight for the Second Amendment rights of gun owners. We will cover wars throughout the world, slay dragons and, opportunity permitting, get involved. As always, we will be politically INcorrect and will be keeping our readers up-to-date on the antics of the Draft-Dodger-in-Chief in Washington. Now, as during the past 18 years, this will only be possible with continued support from all of you.


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time elapsed rarely exceeds three seconds.

There just isn't enough time under these circumstances to seek cover. Shooting the hostile before he shoots you remains the best strategy. Don't get me wrong — I'm not advising against using cover if the situation allows, but at close range a quick and devastating counterattack is what works.

When the distance increases, so does the interval in which you have time to react. Greater distances also mean that more powerful weapons such as rifles and shotguns may be involved in the equation. Here, cover and concealment begin to take on greater importance.

If you didn't have time to take cover when the fight began, by all means find something to get behind as soon as tactically possible. Similarly, any reloading or malfunction clearing should be handled behind cover.

So why not simply increase the distance between you and your adversary, thereby enabling the use of cover? Realistically this is possible only when you anticipate that there is going to be a fight. It is impossible to go through daily life without having close interaction with others. Since you can't point a gun at everyone you come in contact with "just in case," you must allow the hostile to make the first move. Look for it. Of course if you do anticipate

the assault, it is a simple matter to seek cover before the fight.

Why not simply run to cover while returning fire, Hollywood-style? Because when dealing with the short time-frame/short distance scenario, you need immediate neutralization of the threat. This is best achieved with well-placed shots. It is all but impossible to bring effective fire on a target while at a dead run. This feat is even more difficult at extended ranges. Numerous documented shooting incidents corroborate this fact. Shots may be fired, yes, but any hits will be more a matter of luck than design. Hit him and turn him off up-close, then go for cover.

It is a good idea to examine your immediate environment and determine which objects constitute good cover and which ones provide concealment. Keep in mind the types of weapons most likely to be in the hands of your adversaries. Automobiles, for example, provide relatively good cover against buckshot and pistol rounds, but not against center fire rifles or some exotic shotgun slugs. The exception here would be side-window glass, which is easily defeated by most weapons.

Some types of cover may cause projectiles to ricochet. Anyone familiar with the ricochet characteristics of projectiles will know that they travel in a path approximately parallel to the surface they've hit. This means that

your adversary's bullet may travel along the surface of your cover — right into you — unless you maintain a safe distance from the cover you have chosen (about 6 feet in most instances).

Since the ballistic capability of your adversaries' weapons and the effects they may have on your chosen cover are unknown, seek as solid a protection as possible, given the time and distance allowed. This way, even if the hostiles are armed with carbines or rifles, you'll be safe.

When shooting from behind cover, don't expose more of yourself than you have to in order to shoot back. There are various shooting positions that will allow the maximum use of cover by conforming to its characteristics.

When emerging from cover to shoot, use the least movement possible. Move out with your weapon in the firing position, fire, then move back behind cover. Avoid physically taxing positions that are difficult to shoot from.

The best way to win a gunfight is to shoot the hostile. The probability of accomplishing this is reduced considerably if you complicate matters, so keep things simple. And do not leave cover without having selected the next covered position. Be sure to top off your weapon before moving on,

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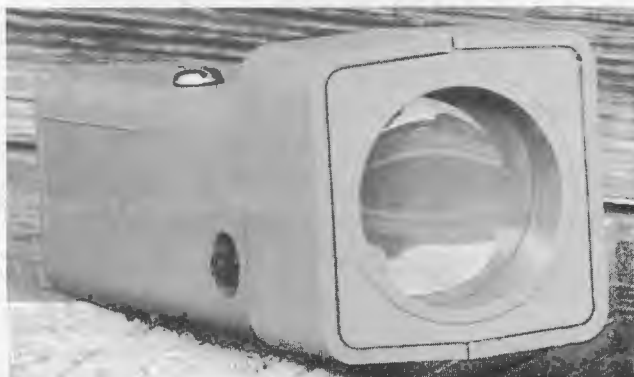
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This is how the ad read: "GUN FOR HIRE: 37-year-old professional mercenary desires jobs. Vietnam veteran. Discrete and very private. Body guard, courier, and other special skills. All jobs considered..."

The ad listed an address and telephone number in Gatlinburg, Tenn., for Michael Savage. The ad ran in *Soldier of Fortune* magazine from June 1985 through March 1986.

Let us suppose that you are a juror. You are given these facts: In late 1984 or early 1985, Bruce Gastwirth began seeking to murder his business partner, Richard Braun. He enlisted the aid of another business associate, John Horton Moore. They tried three times to kill Braun, but failed each time.

Then Gastwirth and Moore saw Savage's ad in *Soldier of Fortune* magazine. They got in touch with him and discussed plans to murder Braun. On Aug. 26, 1985, Savage and Moore, with another individual, Sean Trevor Dautre, went to Braun's home in suburban Atlanta. They ambushed Braun as he and his 16-year-old son, Michael, drove down a driveway.

Dautre fired several shots into the car with a silenced MAC-11 automatic pistol. The shots wounded Michael in the thigh. Braun managed to roll out of the car. Dautre walked over to Braun and killed him by firing two more shots into the back of his head. In time, all four conspirators were tried, found guilty, and sentenced to various terms in prison.

Back to the ad. Braun's sons sued *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, charging that publication of the ad led directly to their father's death. You are on the jury in the U.S. District Court in Alabama. The judge gives you this instruction:

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"In order to prevail in this case, the Brauns must prove to your reasonable satisfaction by a preponderance of the evidence that a reasonable reading of the advertisement in this case would have conveyed to a magazine publisher, such as *Soldier of Fortune*, that this ad presented a clear and present danger of causing serious harm to the public from violent criminal activity."

As a juror, you are told that the publisher of a magazine "does not have a duty to investigate every ad it publishes." *Soldier of Fortune*

I would have found in favor of the magazine.

may be held liable "only if the advertisement on its face would have alerted a reasonably prudent publisher to the clearly identifiable risk that the offer in the ad is one to commit a serious violent crime, including murder."

Testimony in the five-day trial was to this effect: that Savage received 30 to 40 phone calls a week in response to his ad; that the overwhelming majority sought his participation in criminal activity such

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as murder and kidnapping; that the magazine's advertising manager understood "Gun for Hire" to refer to "bodyguard or protection service-type thing," rather than to any illegal activity.

As a juror, how do you vote? An Alabama jury awarded Braun's sons \$12,375,000 in compensatory and punitive damages against the magazine. The award later was reduced to \$4,375,000. The magazine appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, which affirmed the District Court. Last month the magazine failed to obtain review from the U.S. Supreme Court. The judgment stands. If it must be paid, and cannot be negotiated privately, the magazine may fold. It has been published since 1975 and has a current circulation of 100,000.

Should the judgment have been reversed and set aside? Circuit Judge R. Lanier Anderson thought the message conveyed by the ad was clear: It contained "a combination of sinister terms." This "mercenary" would be discreet and private. He had "special skills" beyond those of bodyguard and courier. "The implication is clear," said Judge Anderson, "that the advertiser would consider illegal jobs." The publisher could have recognized an offer of criminal activity as readily as his readers obviously did.

If I had been sitting on that jury, I would have found in favor of the magazine. In common with Senior Circuit Judge Jesse E. Eschbach, I would remain convinced "that the language of the advertisement is ambiguous, rather than patently criminal."

The Supreme Court's refusal to review the case leaves a publisher's duty in limbo. Many magazines carry personal ads that appear to be open invitations to adultery or sodomy. Would the ads cause the crimes? Is a publisher to scan every ad for a concealed message of fraud? I see nothing "on the face" of Savage's ad that would have alerted me to a clear risk of murder. The jury's award was a misfire.

Frightened by an apparent economic erosion, tired of business-as-usual politics and suspicious of familiar alternatives (a Democratic Party platform tilted markedly to the left), many voters last year backed a maverick promising *real* change who stood *with* the people: Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot.

Presidential campaign polls showed a whopping 37% voter approval for Perot by early June 1992. Alarmed conservatives foresaw the possibility of no clear majority come election time, and a chance that a three-way race might very well be decided in the U.S. House of Representatives. Abruptly, however, on 16 July, the same day Bill Clinton delivered his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, Perot jolted his supporters and brusquely dropped out of the race. A little more than two months later, Perot jolted everybody again when he announced he was getting back into the race.

In October, on CBS News' *60 Minutes*, Perot surprised everyone anew when he asserted that he had originally dropped out of the race not because of a "revitalized" Democratic Party, as he had originally stated, but because of an alleged bizarre Republican "dirty tricks" operation brought to his attention by well-known con man, Scott Barnes, to smear his daughters' reputations and disrupt one daughter's wedding. Even his staunchest supporters had a hard time buying his explanations; nevertheless, Perot still managed to garner an unprecedented 19% of the vote. Post-election data confirmed that most of Perot's voters came from Republican ranks, and Perot's presence on the ballot may have cost George Bush the presidency.

In *SOF's* exclusive March 1993 report, "Scott Barnes: The

question [Perot's] fitness to be president at all. Given that Perot may make another bid for the presidency in 1996, it is the media's responsibility to inform the public of Perot's disingenuousness and incredibly poor judgment in this case." Incredibly, on 22 January 1993, after *SOF's* article went to press, Scott Barnes filed a federal lawsuit against Ross Perot which appears to confirm many of the circumstances first documented in *SOF's* March 1993 exposé.

What follows here is the greater part of Barnes' lawsuit against Perot, with grammatical errors edited by SOF.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference all allegations contained in this complaint as though fully set forth herein, plaintiff has had mutual relationship, and ongoing communications with defendant Perot for approximately eight years, reporting all information requested by defendant PEROT to Perot or his intermediary.

FRAUD

Commencing on or about May 1992, and continuing through November 3, 1992, plaintiff was induced by defendant Perot and his intermediary to continue to maintain covert contact with senior ranking individuals of the Bush-Quayle re-election and campaign committee to investigate further GOP opposition, research dirty tricks against Perot and filter all information to Perot and his associate, David Taylor, who was acting as the intermediary for Perot — so that defendant Perot could gain information for Perot's bid for the presidency of the United States and to reveal GOP dirty tricks by the Bush administration against Perot. Plain-

THE FLAKE STRIKES AGAIN: SCOTT BARNES SUES ROSS PEROT

F(l)ake That Changed America's Future," author Jim Coyne revealed Perot's unusual long-term association with con man Barnes — a dubious private investigator, failed police officer, discredited POW/MIA "expert," author and dress shop owner. With the active patronage of a Washington-based British Broadcasting Corp. producer and long-time Barnes proponent, David Taylor, scurrilous information and questionable videotape alleging misconduct by campaign officials were channeled both to Perot and to Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa. It remains unclear to this day to what extent Perot himself may have been an active participant in planning these bizarre events.

A private investigator hired by Perot was unable to confirm the fantastic stories of either Barnes or Taylor and took the case to the F.B.I., which conducted its own investigation and determined that the case was a fraud.

Nevertheless, Perot followed his own agenda and fostered Barnes' assertions of a GOP plot against him. The voters didn't buy it. However, the most baffling aspects of the case remain: How could Perot, a powerful and well-connected man known to order broad investigations of his own associates, willfully disregard the conclusions of his own investigators and the nation's top law enforcement agencies? Or was Perot a willing co-conspirator in this whole thing?

Robert K. Brown, editor and publisher of *SOF*, recently noted that the mainstream media played a pivotal role in advancing the notion of Republican wrongdoing against Perot by "simply repeating the Ross Perot [dirty tricks] charges without investigating the sources. The fact that Perot believed Barnes also calls into

tiff Barnes agreed with Perot to assist him, and continue to have contact with the Bush officials.

MISREPRESENTATION

Commencing on or about May 1992, and continuing through November 3, 1992, defendant Perot represented and promised plaintiff that Perot would assist plaintiff with business loan and other economical problems that would and did arise from plaintiff assisting Perot on the GOP dirty tricks incident. Defendant Perot asked plaintiff to overnight-express to him loan documents, realty deed, trust deed, payment documents, etc., in order that he would relieve plaintiff's mother (Stephanie Barnes) of said financial burden.

Defendant assured plaintiff that his widowed mother would not have to lose her home and that the said business loan which was collateralized (at Perot's suggestion) with plaintiff's mother's home would be taken care of by defendant. Defendant Perot told plaintiff he received documents on said loan and he would have his attorneys take care of same. Defendant Perot told plaintiff to continue to go along with "whatever" Bush officials wanted and that defendant Perot would protect, assist and give if needed, plaintiff the best legal counsel available and employment. Plaintiff again was induced into believing, and was under the belief, that defendant Perot would assist and provide as he represented, since plaintiff was in the relied upon and received just satisfaction from defendant to perform all duties requested by Perot. Defendant promised to plaintiff that defendant would stand by plaintiff, help and provide legal counsel, employment and that defendant

would not betray plaintiff. Perot told plaintiff, "Scott, I will stick with you, I'll not abandon you, I'll take care of you, I'll follow through on my promises. Scott, I want you to fill out a statement concerning the Bush dirty tricks and I'll have my lawyers come to you to receive it and sign in their presence."

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

Commencing on or about May 1992, and continuing through November 3, 1992, defendant Perot agreed to plaintiff that plaintiff was to follow through on Bush-GOP dirty trick investigations, to let Perot listen in on plaintiff's phone conversations, to tape phone conversations with GOP officials, to give false and misleading information to Bush-GOP officials, to follow up on a false wiretapping of Perot's Dallas office by FBI agents posing as confederates; defendant Perot promised and agreed to take care of plaintiff's business loan, provide legal assistance, and employment. Plaintiff agreed to pass on false information to Bush and White House officials concerning senior-ranking Bush officials with the assurance and promise that defendant Perot would perform as agreed.

FAILURE TO PERFORM/BAD FAITH

Commencing on or about May 1992, and continuing through November 3, 1992, defendant Perot failed to perform as promised. Perot did not as promised take care of business loan, thus causing loss of plaintiff's home, business and source of income. Plaintiff performed all tasks requested by Perot and his intermediary. Defendant Perot failed also to provide employment, legal counsel and other assistance as promised. Plaintiff performed and provided, as requested by Perot, tape recordings and traveling to Dallas, Texas, to conduct sting operation against Bush officials, with Federal Bureau of Investigation acting undercover in an attempt to arrest President Bush's Texas campaign manager, thus causing another Watergate scandal.

CONSPIRACY

Commencing on or about May 1992, and continuing through November 3, 1992, defendant Perot conspired with his intermediary David Taylor, whom Perot offered employment when defendant Perot became president of the United States. Defendant Perot stated to David Taylor and plaintiff that "Bush is not fit to be president any longer," that defendant would spend and do whatever it takes to unseat the president. Both defendant Perot and his intermediary asked plaintiff to tape-record telephone conversations with Bush officials, concerning defendant Perot and his testimony before U.S. Senate hearing on August 11, 1992, and pass on to White House officials information concerning former Assistant Secretary Richard Armitage [of the Pentagon's office of International Security Affairs] and tapes, videos, and photographs that Perot has in his possession in his safe.

Defendant Perot conspired with his intermediary again in furnishing tape-recording equipment through his intermediary to plaintiff for the purpose of eavesdropping on various GOP and Bush officials, Department of Defense, and White House personnel, and to send tapes to defendant Perot and his intermediary. Defendant conspired and asked plaintiff to admit to false and misleading information and pass same information on to Bush officials putting plaintiff at personal and legal risk. Defendant and his intermediary participated in a conspiracy to use, manipulate and abuse plaintiff into performing certain acts for defendant as set forth above, and to appear on CBS' (Columbia Broadcasting System) *60 Minutes* to "tell the world" of President Bush's GOP dirty tricks against defendant Perot, nine days before the presi-

dential election, to destroy plaintiff's reputation, career and future so that defendant could benefit as to unseat the president of the United States.

Defendant Perot on numerous occasions requested plaintiff to continue on with Bush officials and to filter information to him and his intermediary David Taylor. As a result of above all described causes, plaintiff's losses were of residence, vehicle, source of income, destruction of outstanding good credit, loss of mother's home, and considerable damage to reputation, and emotional distress, thus creating an unemployable environment for plaintiff. Defendant Perot told numerous newspaper and magazine publications, and CBS News' *60 Minutes* (*60 Minutes*' producer informed plaintiff that in their investigation of said incident they believe Ross Perot orchestrated this incident to throw the election to Bill Clinton) that plaintiff was one of three sources for his GOP dirty tricks allegations, plaintiff was the only one publicly named by defendant Perot while protecting his other unnamed sources.

Defendant's intermediary David Taylor at Perot's request filmed covert tapes of plaintiff meeting with Bush friends and officials and filmed plaintiff talking on the phone in conversations with Bush-Quayle GOP officials in Washington, D.C., and Texas. Perot's own intermediary David Taylor stated to both plaintiff and other witnesses that "Perot could have set the whole thing up" to unseat President Bush. Perot's intermediary informed plaintiff that United States Senator Tom Harkin was being kept abreast of the GOP sting operations. Senator Harkin was also provided with a copy of the covert videotape, so that if need be Senator Harkin and two other U.S. senators would call for a Senate investigation of President George Bush's involvement in the Perot scandal. All of these events causing loss of future earnings, infliction of emotional distress and causing plaintiff to suffer nationwide false and misleading damages of reputation, ridicule and scorn, thus creating an environment where plaintiff is unable to find suitable employment.



Photo: Brian Winter, Arizona Daily Sun

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- Defendant Perot agreed, promised, led plaintiff to believe provision to plaintiff Barnes with economic assistance, employment, legal assistance and protection, etc., for Barnes doing his part as performed. Plaintiff justifiably believed and relied on defendant's agreements, promises and information.
- Barnes performed all his obligations under said promises and agreements and inducements by defendant and his agent.
- Perot has failed and continues to fail and refuses to perform his obligations as promised and agreed to; plaintiff followed through on all Perot's requests, but Perot did not follow through on promises.
- Perot's failure to perform has caused Barnes to suffer considerable damages in and amount to be proven at trial.

Wherefore plaintiff requests and prays for relief against Perot as follows:

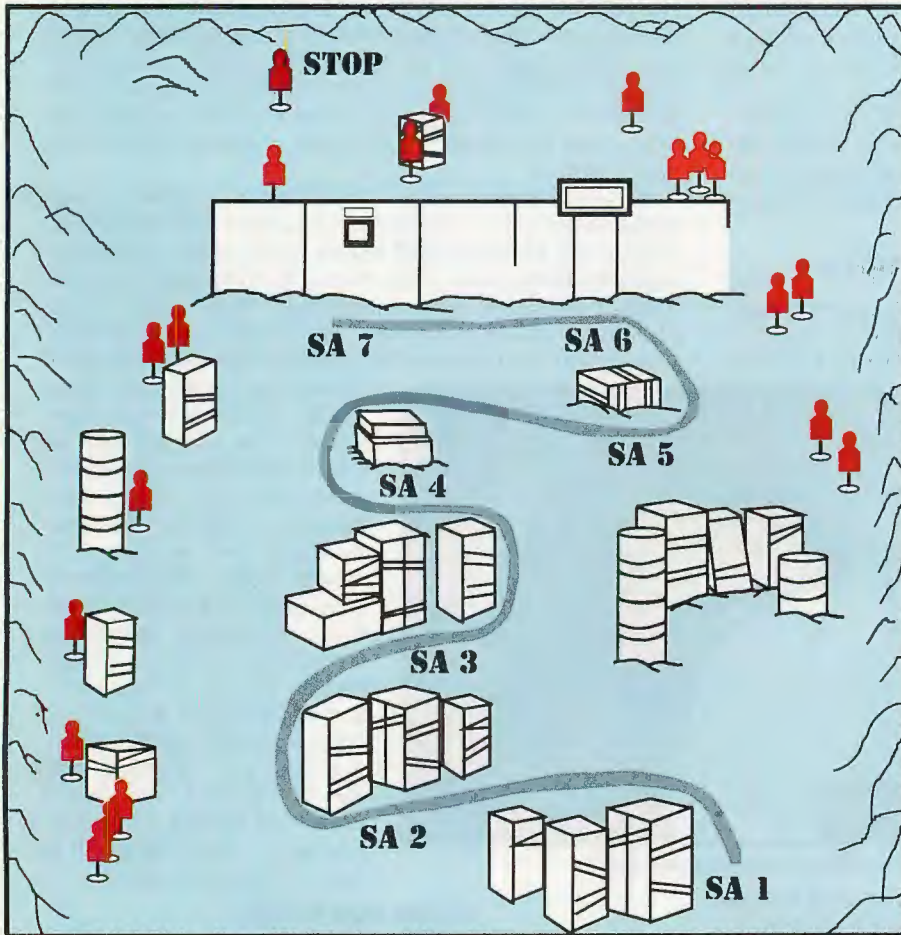
- a. for Compensatory Damages in amount to be proved at trial
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- d. punitive damages, exemplary damages to be determined at trial
- e. for sum other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

DATED this 22nd day of January 1993 (United States District Court, Phoenix, Arizona)

Scott T. Barnes Pro Per

Stay tuned.✂

THREE-GUN



A typical event, the "Undercover" (Stage 4) is a seven-station continuous assault with 18 total targets and two no-shoots, involving the use of the shotgun (buckshot only) and pistol. As in a real-world situation, shooter must run, shoot, reload, open windows, engage all targets and leave the innocent no-shoots uninjured.

No sooner had the nondescript beige pickup truck rounded the corner onto the range, then the four-man team riding on its back let loose a fusillade of shotgun and rifle fire. After about 20 yards their pickup truck skidded to a stop on the hot gravel and two team members bailed out, Steyr AUG and AR-15 at high port, sprinting swiftly to nearby cover. The heavy stillness of the hot desert afternoon was repeatedly shattered by the staccato of weapons fire as the well-coordinated team took out more than a dozen hostiles in a blur of violent action.

Beirut? Kuwait City? South-Central Los Angeles? No, the Desert Sportsman Shooting Range outside Las Vegas, Nevada. The gunners were competing in the *Soldier Of Fortune* World Championship Three-Gun Tactical Match, the premier shooting contest for men at arms. Since its inception more than a decade ago, the *SOF* Three-Gun Match has become known as *the* match for professionals — not professional shooters, but men who bear arms and must shoot well as part of their profession.

Last September some 214 shooters of both sexes and from many professions competed for cash, prizes and trophies under

the hot southwestern sun. Not all won a trophy, but all walked away winners — the richer for their shared experience, for the camaraderie and for what they learned from the competition.

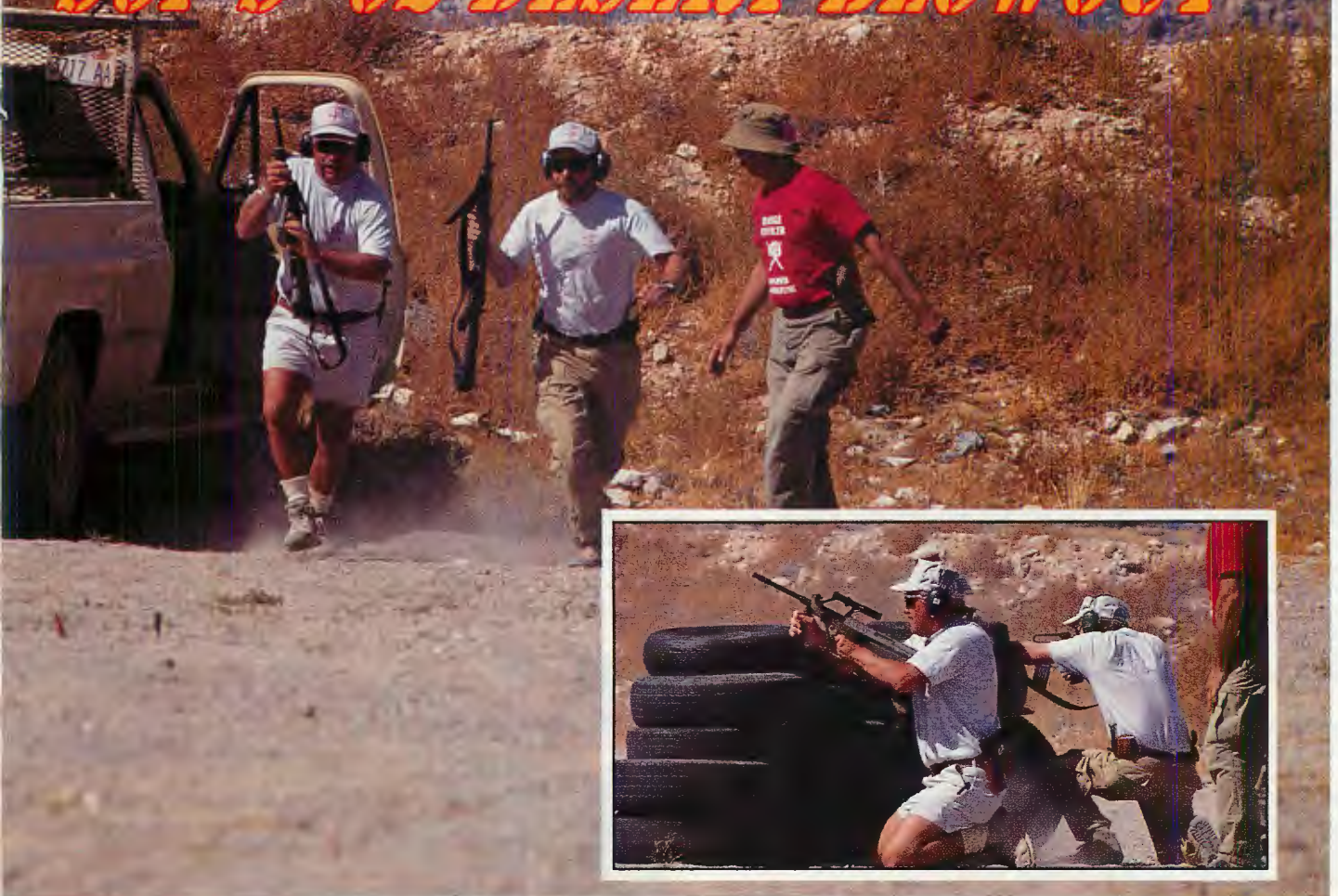
Conceived and overseen by *SOF*'s publisher Robert K. Brown, the Three-Gun Match has drawn shooters from all over the world, and is made possible every year by a dedicated cadre of volunteers under the capable direction of Mike Horne, and an equally ballsy legion of corporate sponsors and donors who are proud to support a Second Amendment-sanctioned event, even though in some quarters it may not be considered politically correct.

Laurels In The Sun

The cash and trophy for the team award in the Law Enforcement Street category went this year to the DOE Idaho team composed of Allen Hall, Bennie Cooley Jr., Mike Katseanes and Doug Evancic. Cash and trophy for the Law Enforcement Trainer

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SOF'S '92 DESERT BLOWOUT



category went to Al Mar's Team No. 1, which included Scott Anderson, Ernie Hanson, Robert Morrissey and Thomas Perritt. The Sponsor Team category was garnered by the men from Milt Sparks Holsters: Tony Kanaley, Jim Wall, Gurnee Munn III and Dave Kynoch.

In individual awards, the Top Law Enforcement Award (active and reserve combined) sponsored by John Donovan of Donovan's Demolitions was picked up by David T. Bridgman, who received an Olympic match rifle made by Olympic Arms. Second through fifth place winners were Bennie Cooley Jr., Mike Katseanes, Lew Gosnell and Thomas J. Perritt.

The Top Military Award (reserve), sponsored by Mark Carson PC, featured a Bushmaster rifle to be taken home by first place winner Jim Erickson. Second through fifth place winners in this event were Allen E. Bauder, Patrick A. Rogers, Kenneth T. Chapman and Larry McAllister.

At the Team Shoot-Off (part of the Saturday Firepower Demonstration) the Milt Sparks Holsters team fires at a close target while pulling into position, then deploying to cover.

Photo: Tom Slizewski

Inset: Milt Sparks Holsters' team (winners of Sponsor Team category), now behind cover, engages remaining targets.

Photo: Tom Slizewski

Our neighbors to the north swept the Top Foreign Shooter Awards, as sponsored by MilArm and Canada Dry Bottling Co. The \$750 top money went to Larry Besplug, with Richard C. Richter, Brad J. Hanson, Ken Boymook and Duncan Murray splitting the cash for places two through five.

Carmen Anderson, who last year won the Middle Shooter Award, this year picked up the Top Female Shooter Award sponsored by her employer, Al Mar Knives. Second through fifth



Al Mar, left, sponsor of the Top Female Shooter Award, and the 1993 winners. From left to right they are Claire Simonet (5th), Beverly Vaughan (4th), Ann Livingston (3rd), Terry Bowland (2nd) and Carmen Anderson (1st), with R.K. Brown far right. Photo: Ralph Montoya



First place in the Law Enforcement Street category was taken by the team from DOE, Idaho. Standing left to right are Doug Evancic, Bennie Cooley Jr., Mike Katseanes (with trophy) and Allen Hall. R.K. Brown is at center front. Photo: Ralph Montoya



Assembled for group shot are the first through 15th overall shooters. Standing at rear from left to right are Joe Gaines (15th), Dan Furbee (13th), Eddie Rhodes (14th), Jim Randolph (8th), Lew Gosnell (10th in light blue shirt), Mel Hockwitt (6th in tan shirt), Gurnee Munn III (9th in black shirt, behind R.K. Brown). Front row kneeling from left to right are Bennie Cooley, Jr. (5th), Henry Shio (4th), James Smith (3rd), David Bridgman (2nd) and Jim Clark, Jr. (1st). Photo: Ralph Montoya



The first through fifth top individual law enforcement shooters from left to right are Thomas Perritt (5th), Lew Gosnell (4th), Mike Katseanes (3rd), Bennie Cooley, Jr. (2nd) and David Bridgman (1st). R. K. Brown is at right. Photo: Ralph Montoya

place winners in this category were Terry Bowland, Ann Livingston, Beverly Vaughan and Claire Simonet.

The Tyro Award was sponsored by Adco, and first prize was taken by Doug Evancic who was on the winning Law Enforcement Street category team and placed 20th overall. Mike Hamilton, Dean James Meishner, Tony Oxford and Bret Woslum placed second through fifth, respectively.

The *SOF* Three-Gun Matches are not just for those who wear a young man's clothes. The Over 50 Award, dedicated to Tore Askland, was seized by Vern Hays with a very respectable showing at 23rd place overall. Vern won free admission to the next match plus \$300 from the match staff and *SOF*, which should keep him in Sloan's Linament until next September.

Speaking of next September, *now* is the time to sign up for the 1993 *SOF* World Championship Three-Gun Tactical Match — the slots are usually filling up by March. Contact Michael Horne, Match Director, 408 E. Harding, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

And a final word of thanks to the match sponsors and donors. They don't do it for the promotion of their individual services or products — they do it in support of exercising our Second Amendment rights. Next issue will feature a special acknowledgement to those generous few who make the match possible. So take a minute to identify and review their logos then, when you have a buck to spend in the field they serve, give them some careful consideration.✂



First place team in the Law Enforcement Training category was Al Mar Knives Team No. 1. Standing from left to right are Robert Morrissey, Ernie Hanson, Scott Anderson (with trophy) and Thomas Perritt. Kneeling front are Al Mar and R. K. Brown. Photo: Ralph Montoya

MATCH RESULTS

1. CLARK JR., JIM	527.04	73. RICHTER, RICHARD C.	358.65	145. GROSECLOS, JAMES	293.52
2. BRIDGMAN, DAVID T.	525.96	74. VAUGHAN, SAMUEL	357.21	146. LEW, STEPHEN G.	291.91
3. SMITH, JAMES M.	521.62	75. SUMRELL, RICHARD M.	355.52	147. BOYMOOK, KEN L.	291.13
4. SHIO, HENRY	488.42	76. LIVINGSTON, ROSCOE	355.13	148. McCOWAN, THOMAS	290.79
5. COOLEY JR., BENNIE	484.93	77. SOLHEIM, JOHN	352.96	149. BUCKLEY, GARY L.	290.27
6. HOCKWITT, MEL	471.48	78. THORNBURN, ROBERT	352.83	150. KNUDSEN, RICHARD	289.45
7. KATSEANES, MIKE	468.69	79. REED, R. KIRBY	352.79	151. HOLEMAN, DAVE	288.34
8. RANDOLPH, JIM	466.46	80. SIMPSON, RICK	352.68	152. BEKEN, ROBERT	287.70
9. MUNN III, GURNEE	461.47	81. GUIJ, THEODORE J.	352.64	153. SUTER, EDGAR A.	287.49
10. GOSNELL, LEW	460.62	82. JENKINS, ALAN	351.61	154. THOMA, RICHARD L.	286.32
11. PERRITT, THOMAS J.	456.39	83. SKOCHKO, STEVE	351.42	155. AHLGREN, TERRY	285.51
12. APPEL, JOHN C.	455.12	84. FURR, JACK C.	349.29	156. FADDEN, GARY S.	283.13
13. FURBEE, DANIEL R.	455.11	85. BAUDER, ALLEN E.	348.97	157. JACQUES, DAVID C.	283.02
14. RHODES, EDDIE	454.85	86. JONES, BRIEN	348.77	158. DUST, GREGORY P.	281.75
15. GAINES, JOE	446.91	87. MEDLAR, TERRY R.	347.86	159. SMITH, ROBERT E.	281.71
16. BORUCK, ALAN A.	436.25	88. NELSON, MICHAEL	343.91	160. NOLAN, THORPE E.	281.08
17. COOK, JOHN	434.11	89. VOTTA, WALTER	343.79	161. HOFFMAN, JEFF	280.61
18. GAINES, GARTH	432.09	90. HADDAD, RICHARD D.	343.72	162. TAFLINGER, JOSEPH	279.83
19. MORRISSEY, ROBERT	431.36	91. SCHWARTZ, JOHN J.	342.78	163. CUNNINGHAM, PAT	277.80
20. EVANCIC, DOUG	430.36	92. ROGERS, PATRICK A.	339.80	164. JOYCE JR., MICHAEL	275.61
21. ANDERSON, SCOTT	428.10	93. CHAPMAN, KENNETH	339.39	165. HOSHINO, LINCOLN	274.60
22. HALL, ALLEN	427.37	94. YOUNG, GREGORY	339.27	166. LIVINGSTON, ANN	273.38
23. HAYS, VERN	424.47	95. BAIRD, LARRY	337.79	167. McLEES, MORRIS J.	272.82
24. GUARNERA, JOE	423.21	96. ROBERTSON JR., HUGH	336.69	168. MURRAY, DUNCAN	270.70
25. READ, ROGER	422.83	97. WILLIAMS, GEORGE T.	335.16	169. KELSEY, BRUCE	270.61
26. HAMILTON, MIKE	421.98	98. BRAULT, GREG	334.15	170. MOWERY, W. A.	270.30
27. McCARTNEY JR., A.	421.48	99. JONES, DAVID L.	332.08	171. VAUGHAN, BEVERLY	263.04
28. SLATER, PATRICK B.	419.23	100. PATTON, DON	331.92	172. TARKALSON, KURT A.	262.97
29. BRAULT, RON	417.09	101. RAMSEY, KEVIN E.	331.22	173. PETERS, PAUL E.	259.16
30. DOEDEN, WAYNE R.	416.43	102. HALL, HOWARD	325.40	174. SCHMITZ, GARY	256.52
31. WILSON, STEWART	413.20	103. WEIR, TERRY	324.84	175. SIMONET, CLAIRE	255.56
32. MEISNER, DEAN J.	410.17	104. HARTLEY, JAMES	324.33	176. GOULD, MONTE L.	254.66
33. HULET, STEPHEN C.	408.78	105. RITCHER, PAUL S.	322.66	177. PAPWORTH, BRETT	254.18
34. HECKART, ALLEN	408.65	106. COATS, SHAUN	320.84	178. BERLANGA, JOHN R.	253.97
35. FILLINGER, RONALD	407.89	107. McCORMICK, PATRICK	319.04	179. GWOZDEK, RICHARD	253.43
36. WALL, JIM	406.74	108. MITCHELL, JOHN C.	318.04	180. KASAI, ROBERT J.	251.51
37. HERBERT, GARY	406.69	109. DODSON, MIKE C.	318.01	181. REITAN, LES	248.82
38. OXFORD, TONY	405.69	110. RAMSAY, DAVID A.	317.86	182. BARNETT, JOHN C.	246.55
39. HANSON, ERNIE	403.40	111. HANSON, BRAD J.	317.23	183. DEFONTCUBERTA, E.	244.77
40. WOSLUM, BRET	402.49	112. GARY, DAN	316.33	184. WOSLUM, LEANN	244.40
41. PREECE, ART	398.04	113. COWAN, HERB	315.84	185. NEDURIAN, GREGORY	242.97
42. NICKLER, JEFF T.	397.49	114. VERBANIC, VON A.	315.61	186. CONSEAR, ALLEN	242.59
43. KYNOCH, DAVE	392.17	115. HELMS, GENE	314.36	187. MIYATAKE, DOUGLAS	241.81
44. VOELLER, CHRIS C.	391.63	116. DHALLIWALL, SCOTT	314.28	188. McLANE, TERRY	241.23
45. MURPHY, WILLIAM	390.69	117. DUTKIEWITZ, EDWARD	313.77	189. DEIS, PAUL G.	240.97
46. REED, PAUL	390.10	118. GRIMLER, MICHAEL R.	313.54	190. BROSSIA, ROBERT J.	237.91
47. DEXTER, SEAN R.	386.98	119. SHULDA, GORDON	313.12	191. TOLLEY, CATHY	237.67
48. MUSSER, MARK W.	385.23	120. CANTRELL, DAVID J.	312.82	192. JOYCE, JAMES	236.25
49. TAKEMOTO, JACK	384.73	121. O'NEAL, ROBERT	311.84	193. PERRY, RAYMOND H.	235.03
50. PETERSON, WADE	383.53	122. COHEN, KEN	311.45	194. RITCHIE, TREVOR N.	232.44
51. PARMALEE, BILL	382.25	123. LENNON, PAUL	311.14	195. WORTMAN, KIM D.	232.26
52. STRUKE, WILLIAM	381.88	124. HILL, GARY J.	308.07	196. BODDICKER, MARC	226.94
53. LASHBROOK, TOM	380.35	125. SELVA, JOSEPH H.	307.52	197. BETTS, HUGH	223.67
54. ELGIN, SCOTT	380.04	126. HOFFMAN, DARYL K.	307.44	198. WARNER, DEAN	220.74
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56. BRISTOL, RUSSEL D.	378.91	128. SHANKEL, WALTER C.	306.51	200. SHILLIG, BILL	217.20
57. POWELL, DAVID M.	377.79	129. McALLISTER, LARRY	306.33	201. TOBIAS, JIM	215.29
58. ERICKSON, JIM	377.71	130. FRANCISCO, JERRY	305.73	202. HERSEY, FRED	214.62
59. GREEN, ZANE	377.33	131. WHEELER, DAVE	304.99	203. BAYNHAM, RAY	210.52
60. JENKINS, WAYNE	373.38	132. EATON, STEPHEN M.	304.14	204. ANDREWS, BEVERLY	203.78
61. KANALEY, TONY	372.34	133. KECK, V. DAVID	303.26	205. ANDREWS, JOE R.	201.22
62. AVERY, KEVIN	372.07	134. BURRIS, WILLIAM E.	301.46	206. SHATTOCK, THOMAS	196.90
63. FINN, EDWARD	371.71	135. BOWEN, MIKE	301.15	207. CARDER, HOMER S.	195.45
64. BLACK, ANTHONY	369.89	136. JOHNSTON, T.J.	299.01	208. CARVER, JOHN W.	193.67
65. ZARAGOZA, JOHN A.	369.05	137. ROSIN, DOUG	298.22	209. ALEXEEVA, LAURA	182.01
66. BESPLUG, LARRY	368.77	138. REDDING, DAVID L.	297.63	210. KENNEY, RICHARD A.	175.20
67. BUMGARDNER, RICH	366.65	139. BIRDWHISTLE, CHARLES	297.58	211. HOREY, MARK K.	159.90
68. YAEGLIE, BILL	366.46	140. HOTSKO, JAMES	297.27	212. MAR, AL	158.80
69. ANGLEMIER, JIM	364.01	141. ANDERSON, CARMEN	296.41	213. SANDGREN, ROBERT	158.12
70. BRAWLEY, RON	362.08	142. BOWLAND, TERRY	295.76	214. LINES, HENRY A.	36.59
71. WOSLUM, EDD	361.00	143. VELLEUX, DAVID L.	295.53		
72. KADITUS, CAS	359.13	144. BRIDWELL, TERRY	294.07		

RAMBO WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE

Rough & Tough Not Good Enough For "Best Ranger"

Text & Photos by Jeffrey L. James



After many trials and little sleep, Ranger ascends 60 feet during Prusik climb. According to one Ranger, "There is absolutely nothing you can do in 30 seconds that will smoke you more than a Prusik climb."

Imagine a no-holds-barred endurance competition where contestants run, shoot, crawl, parachute, navigate, swim, climb, rappel, canoe and force march; all in a nonstop period of 60 hours without any appreciable sleep.

Now factor in what it takes to really be competitive, such as obtaining no less than a maximum score on the U.S. Army's Physical Fitness Readiness Test and completing a 23-mile forced road march on the same day.

How about correctly reassembling four completely disassembled weapons in less than three minutes: the M16 rifle, the M60 general purpose machine gun, the M249 squad automatic weapon and the Beretta 92F pistol (of course, the various firearms' pieces are intermixed). These competitive tasks represent just a few of dozens encountered in a three-day marathon closely resembling a torture test to anyone but a Ranger.

In 1981 the Army's Ranger Department, now renamed the Ranger Training Brigade, was tasked to plan and conduct an annual "Ranger olympics" at Fort Benning, Georgia, to identify the best two-man Ranger teams. The result was the David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition, sponsored by a non-profit military fraternity in Clearwater, Florida, the Chairborne Rangers.

The competition's namesake minced no words on Ranger competence. "Rangers are always the first troops in when there's a conflict. They're the ones who kick the doors in," observed now retired Lieutenant General David E. Grange Jr., a former Ranger instructor, Ranger Department director and Fort Benning's past commanding general.

No Lone Rangers

The 10th Annual Best Ranger Competition held last year challenged 35 two-man teams representing various Army, Marine Corps and National Guard units; every major command was invited to send a competing team. The only requirement was that both team members, whether officers or enlisted men, be Airborne Ranger qualified. Rather than testing individual performance, the two-man competitive concept has been the standard because no lone Rangers wear the tab. The smallest operational Ranger element always has been, and always will be, the buddy team.

Besides the grueling workout which placed extreme demands on entrants' physical and mental stamina, the contest also judged



Of 35 initial Ranger teams competing, only 17 survived to finish. Failing any of 12 events meant instant elimination and some early event winners later dropped from the competition.

technical and tactical ability. Difficulty ratings were assigned to each of the 12 events; a "1" being least demanding and a "5" most demanding.

Day One featured five events, Day Two involved three, while four events closed out the marathon's final day. All event sites were located within the south-central and western boundaries of Fort Benning, including Camps Rogers and Darby, which are specific Ranger School training sites.

The Physical Fitness Readiness Test kicked off the competition at Camp Rogers. Minimum criteria was identical with the Rangers' standard PT test: at least 52 pushups in two minutes, no less than 62 sit-ups in two minutes, and a mandatory two-mile run lasting no more than 14 minutes, 54 seconds. To attain a 300-point standard maximum score, the competition required executions of 82 pushups and 92 sit-ups in two-minute time frames, with no more than 11 minutes, 54 seconds allowed for the two-mile run.

Only after the 300-point standard was met could a team member be awarded points for extra repetitions or shorter finishes. Scoring highest with 72 points over the standard were Staff Sergeant Joseph Clark and Sergeant Tyson Nick of the 1st Ranger Battalion from Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; the two runner-up teams tallied 70 and 68 points.

Clark and Nick's expertise extended into the following event, the M16 Qualification. Fort Benning has one of the world's finest and most difficult moving-target rifle ranges. For this event, each participant was armed with an M16A2 rifle and issued 50 rounds to engage 50 silhouette targets. Various targets were placed between 50 meters and 300 meters from the firing line; these consisted of computer-controlled stationary pop-ups, or rapidly moving types, all displayed singly or in multiples; scoring results were computer-generated.

With a "2" rating of difficulty assigned to this weapon firing event, Ranger teams had to hit 50% of the targets or better to remain in the competition. Five pairs failed to qualify, resulting in no score and immediate elimination. Already down to just 30 teams, competitors fired the recoilless, disposable-barrel, 84mm M136 light anti-armor weapon for score before leaving the range. Staff sergeants Kurt Buchta and Richard Merritt of Fort Benning matched Nick and Clark for a first place tie with high scores of 108.

Jump, Canoe, Forced March ...

Preparing for Day One's third event, the Spot Jump for Accuracy, team members helped each other don MC1-1B parachutes. They carried Alice packs bulging with gear for use on the entire marathon, along with individual M16s packed into M1950 cases. The Rangers boarded UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters bound for



Lee Drop Zone, some six miles north-northwest of Camp Rogers.

With a “1” difficulty rating, the Spot Jump required each team to determine its own exit point some 1,500 feet above the drop zone. The objective was to land in (or as close as possible to) their assigned assembly areas. Scoring began when an initial team member touched ground and ended when both partners arrived at their designated assembly area — out of harness, with weapon in action. A team from the 3rd Ranger Battalion won the Spot Jump, but was later dropped from the competition during the forced march event.

Coming off the drop zone, Ranger teams were quickly transported to the starting point of the Canoe Race on Upatoi Creek; they were given a few minutes to rig canoes and tie in all equipment. The narrow, slow-moving waterway varies dramatically in depth and width along its 6.5-mile course.

Little more than ankle-deep at its start point, the course mandated a canoe drag for its first several hundred meters and periodically afterward. Teams attempting to cut corners typically found themselves hauling their craft and gear across hidden sandbars. Two 4th Ranger Training Battalion entrants won this event, yet were eliminated in Day One’s next contest — the forced march. With its maximum “5” difficulty rating, the march routinely axes the most teams from Best Ranger competition.

With darkness falling, contenders readied equipment and themselves for the forced march. Preparations focused on foot care; dry socks and moleskin were hot tickets. Rangers were given six hours to cover the 23 miles carrying full combat gear. Of the 30 teams starting out, just 18 pairs finished by the 0200 deadline; most could barely walk on feet that resembled hamburger.

Rucking their way to victory were Ssgts. Robert Atkin and Mark Nygard of the 2nd Ranger Battalion from Fort Lewis, Washington. As other march survivors traipsed across the finish line, they were allowed 30 minutes to prepare for the next series of events — Day Two loomed on the horizon.

High Ranger Stakes

From 0230 through 0630, all remaining teams rotated through a series of technical tests, rated “5” for difficulty — the Ranger

Going out the door of a UH-60A Black Hawk for the Spot Jump event with full combat gear, two-man Ranger teams choose their exit points 1,500 feet over Fort Benning’s Lee Drop Zone — their goal: land near as possible to predetermined assembly area, and get there first.

Rangers kick off two-mile run on Day One of Best Ranger competition. Both members of each two-man team had to finish under 14 minutes, 54 seconds; record time to beat was nine minutes, 45 seconds.

Stakes. Teams were graded on their performances at separate stations, round-robin fashion.

Besides the aforementioned weapons-assembly pile test, the Ranger Stakes involved computing, preparing and emplacing non-electric demolitions charges, putting an AN/PRC-77 radio into operation as a station in a radio net, executing various NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) warfare and first-aid tasks, employing hand grenades, tying knots, moving under direct fire, constructing a field-expedient RC-292 antenna, properly installing and recovering an M18A1 claymore mine, estimating range, calling for and adjusting indirect fire and, finally, running an obstacle course. After everything was put back together, Atkin and Nygard again emerged as winners.





"Old-timers" Sgts. 1st Class Al Brashier and Tom Wilburn of Dahlonge, Georgia's 5th Ranger Training Battalion "led the way" and celebrate their status as 1992's Best Rangers — no small achievement.

During Ranger Stakes rotation, teams alternately competed in the 60-foot Prusik Climb and Rappel, rated "3" for difficulty. "There is absolutely nothing you can do in 30 seconds that will smoke you more than a Prusik climb," noted SSgt. Jack Dunn of the 19th Special Forces, representing Camp Dawson, West Virginia.

The winning round-trip Prusik climbs and rappels — in under 45 seconds — were performed by Sergeants First Class Tom Wilburn and Alven Brashier of Dahlonge, Georgia's 5th Ranger Training Battalion.

As all remaining teams cycled through Ranger Stakes during the better part of daylight hours, competitors slowed the pace a bit and rehydrated themselves in preparation for Day Two's second major event — Night Land Navigation, another "5"-rated exercise.

Set for an utterly moonless night, the Rangers were allowed 12 hours to locate at least six of 11 geographic points, then return to Camp Darby. Any points found beyond the required six were scored as bonuses. The few teams who located all 11 points navigated a cross-country distance exceeding 20 miles. Staff sergeants James Turner and Robert Leines of the 5th Ranger Training Battalion dominated the night navigation contest.

And Now The Darby Queen!

By dawn of Day Three, 17 teams had navigated successful returns, only to face the world's greatest obstacle course: the infamous "Darby Queen," a 2,000-meter circuit comprising 25 obstacles. Camp Darby's "Queen" carried a "4" difficulty rating and featured obstacles for jumping — vaulting over ditches, jumping in and out of trenches, clearing hurdles — along with traversing horizontally on a ladder and rope, crawling under low barbed wire, balancing on logs and standing planks, leaping over logs, climbing or jumping over a loose horizontal log (the "Belly Buster") and more.

There's also the inverted rope descent: Here Rangers climb a tower, then descend on a rope attached at a sharp downward angle to another structure (a tree, for example). Only by carefully distributing your weight between your arms and legs can you descend slowly. Rope burns are common during the inverted descent; if the rope is slippery, an attempt can be risky.

Despite obvious fatigue, the remaining Ranger teams made it through the Queen, with Wilburn and Brashier nailing another first-place finish.

But no time for rest was allowed; all teams were quickly transported to Victory Pond for the Water Confidence Test and the Helocast event. About one mile north of Camp Rogers, the

pond is some 500 meters across and averages 7 meters in depth.

Rated "1" for difficulty, the Water Confidence Test consisted of a 40-foot-high horizontal log walk over the pond, then a rope traverse: Rangers commando-crawled on a rope out to a given point where they hung, then dropped the 40 feet into the pond. Swimming fully clothed some 400 meters to shore, they ran several hundred meters to ascend an 80-foot tower and there secured a pulley assembly, allowing a high-speed ride down the suspension traverse back into the water, which they swiftly exited to dash across a finish line and stop the clock. Atkin and Nygard again pulled out the win.

Next up, teams had 15 minutes to construct a poncho raft to carry all weaponry and gear for the Helocast event, rated "3" for difficulty. The Rangers boarded Black Hawks with their packed and folded rafts to hover above Victory Pond. At a point some 400 meters offshore, teams exited the aircraft from an altitude of 20 feet. Splashing down, Rangers had 10 minutes to make it to shore and cross a finish line with raft packs intact. Staff sergeants Peter Roethke and Cary Augustine, representing Hawaii's 25th Infantry Division, earned first place in the Helocast.

After finishing the Helocast event, remaining teams faced one last challenge: a 2.7-mile Buddy Run with load-bearing equipment and weapons. With its "3" rating, this conclusive hurdle featured a 24-minute time limit and a route from Victory Pond



Ranger team with poncho raft of rucksacks and weapons exits Black Hawk during Helocast event. Pair had 10 minutes to travel 400 meters to finish line with raft and gear intact.

south to the competition's overall finish line back at Camp Rogers, where it all began three long days earlier. Rangers Atkin and Nygard raced in first to win their fourth event.

Spectators, friends and family members helped motivate all competitors to reach the finish line, as did a post-race all-you-can-eat "Super Supper" (available only after all weapons and equipment were accounted for, of course).

Team standings were officially released at the next day's Best Ranger awards ceremony. Preceded by a dynamic "Rangers in Action" demonstration, the awards officially confirmed consistent "old-timers" Wilburn and Brashier as overall Best Rangers; of the 35 initial pairs competing, only 17 Ranger teams had endured to finish.

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EQUALIZER



Former Delta Force Commando Teaches Civilian Tricks Of The Trade

BY NEIL C. LIVINGSTONE

The marriage had gone sour, and the Orthodox Jewish couple — Jennifer Klein and Howard Kass — were divorced after a bitter legal battle. Jennifer, a Hous-

ton native, received custody of their son, Ben, who is now 5-and-a-half years old. Kass, the boy's father, who resided in Florida, was granted visitation rights.

Given her strong religious background and beliefs, for Jennifer the divorce would not be final until Kass formally released her from the marriage by agreeing to a decla-

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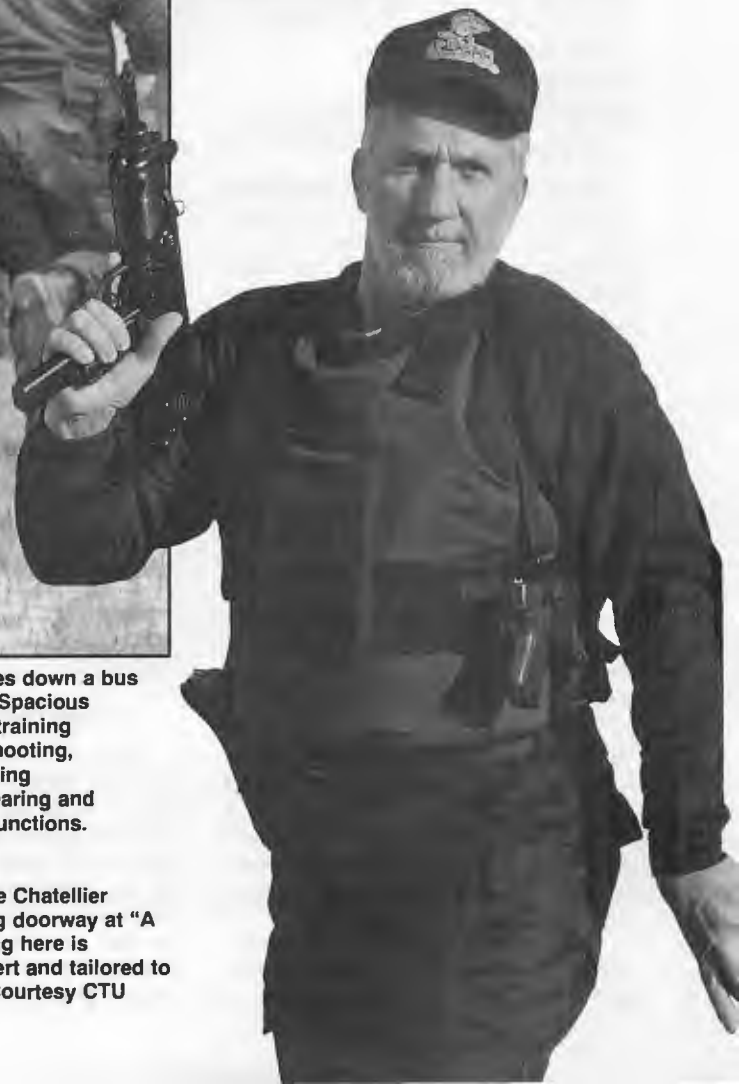


was indicted in Texas for kidnapping and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Desperate at the loss of her child, Jennifer contacted the North Carolina security firm of Corporate Training Unlimited (CTU) for help in recovering the little boy. She approached the firm, made up largely of ex-Delta Force commandos, because it had carried out a number of highly publicized rescues of American children abducted to foreign countries in custody disputes.

Don Feeney, the president of CTU, met with Jennifer and took on the case. The first priority was to locate Kass and the missing boy. Were they in Israel? Everything pointed in that direction, but there was no hard evidence to suggest they had fled to the Jewish state.

To find Kass, Feeney entered into an agreement with a Charlotte, North Carolina company called The Network, which uses sophisticated computer techniques to



ration known as a "get" in front of three rabbis. Only then could Jennifer date or remarry.

Kass, however, refused to grant her a get. He eventually went underground after a court in Florida ordered him to pay \$31,000 in back child support.

In August 1992 Kass resurfaced in Texas, snatched Ben as the boy got off a school bus, and disappeared. It was presumed by all who knew him that Kass had absconded to Israel with the child, and he

Above: SWAT team takes down a bus during training at CTU. Spacious facilities enable lifelike training in SWAT specialties, shooting, offensive/defensive driving techniques, building clearing and similar police/security functions. Photo: courtesy CTU

Right: UZI in hand, Dave Chatellier demonstrates breaching doorway at "A Place to Shoot." Training here is realistic, thorough, expert and tailored to client's needs. Photo: Courtesy CTU

track fugitives and other missing people.

To everyone's surprise, they eventually tracked Kass to Peru, where he and his son were living in the town of La Molina under assumed names. Feeney had worked before in Peru and had a number of local contacts there.

In December, Feeney traveled to Peru with Jennifer Klein, her father and three Orthodox rabbis from the states, who accompanied them in the hopes that Kass could be persuaded to grant his former wife a get. The three rabbis were to witness the get.

Once they reached La Molina, Feeney set up surveillance on the villa where Kass lived with his Peruvian girlfriend and his son. It soon became clear that the child was never left alone or permitted outside the residence except with a maid.

Feeney decided the only way they would be able to retrieve the child was to "go in and get him." With Jennifer and her father waiting outside, Feeney, accompanied by a Peruvian assistant and the three rabbis, knocked boldly on the door of the villa.

Much to their surprise, little Ben opened the door and stared out at them wide-eyed. Feeney told Ben that his mother was waiting for him outside, but the little boy shrank back, confused and uncertain. When the three rabbis appeared he began to scream, and Feeney had to hold onto him and attempt to calm him down.

Getting The Get

There was still the matter of the get, so Feeney passed the boy to one of the rabbis and began searching the sprawling villa. He was nearly convinced that no one was around when his Peruvian assistant signaled to him. Feeney rushed over to where the Peruvian was standing next to a bedroom door. He placed his ear against the door and heard the unmistakable sound of a shower running in the background.

Feeney knocked the bedroom door off the hinges and made a beeline for the bathroom, where they found Kass and his girlfriend in the shower. Because of the noise of the water and their preoccupation with each other, they hadn't heard Ben's screams or Feeney's unceremonious entry into the bedroom.

Feeney dragged Kass out of the shower in a headlock and turned him over to the rabbis, who asked the startled man if he

was willing to give his ex-wife a get. Meanwhile, the girlfriend was given a robe and hustled away into another room.

"It all worked beautifully," said Feeney. "Like the old interrogation technique where you get 'em cold, wet and naked. Makes a person feel real vulnerable." Kass was told he wouldn't be hurt "if he cooperated." Dripping wet with shampoo streaming down his face, Kass capitulated immediately and in the presence of the three rab-



Police and security trainees at CTU get tough, realistic training in a real-world setting. Here they train for building entry. Photo: courtesy CTU

bis gave his wife the all-important get.

Kass and his girlfriend were put in separate rooms with the doors tied shut, and Feeney sent one of the rabbis out to the car to fetch Jennifer Klein. Moments later she was reunited with her lost son, who was overjoyed at seeing his mother once again. But there was little time for ceremony, and the rescue party immediately left for the airport where they caught the first flight to Bogota, Colombia. From there they returned to Texas. For the first week after the retrieval, Feeney stayed in the Houston area to ensure that Kass didn't attempt a counter-snatch and to establish various security procedures to protect the child in the future.

According to Feeney, the Peruvian escapade was "just another normal couple of weeks" for himself and CTU. He and his company had once again succeeded where others feared to tread.

Operation "Rescue"

Since its founding in the mid-1980s, CTU has earned an international reputation for its daring rescues. Its first rescue (of little Lauren Bayan, who had been abducted to Jordan from her Texas home by her father) was the source of news stories around the world. It was made into an NBC movie entitled *Desperate Rescue*, starring Mariel Hemingway, which aired in late January of '93. Four of CTU's

rescues, including the Jordanian operation, were described in a recent best-selling Simon & Schuster book, *Rescue My Child*, that was translated into eight languages. NBC acquired the rights to the book and announced its intention to make up to nine additional television movies based on CTU's exploits.

Given the blizzard of publicity surrounding the company's rescues, CTU's routine work as one of the nation's premier boutique-sized security firms is often overlooked. Like many small firms in the industry, CTU offers a variety of training programs to corporate clients, law enforcement and government agencies. In addition, the firm conducts investigations, offers executive protection services and has performed dozens of missions ranging from securing movie sets in foreign countries to recovering kidnap victims in places like Colombia, and rescuing people

trapped in Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation. CTU has also performed considerable work for a major New York investment banking firm and even provided some security for the so-called "Central Park jogger," a female employee of the company who was brutally beaten and raped by a gang of youths.

Without its regular clients, CTU could not afford to rescue American women and children in other countries, since the firm has lost money on nearly all of its rescues. Hundreds of desperate Americans, mostly mothers, contact CTU every year for help in recovering their children, but most lack the necessary funds even to underwrite the out-of-pocket expenses required to mount a mission. Feeney estimates that the average rescue costs between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in expenses alone.

Teach It Right

In 1992, Feeney and his longtime partner, Dave Chatellier, decided to split up. Chatellier, in his early 50s, wanted more free time and didn't enjoy the heavy management demands imposed by the firm. If he wasn't in the field on a mission or investigation, he was happiest providing firearms instruction to clients ranging from housewives to law enforcement officers at the firm's firing range, located on 60 secluded acres outside Fayetteville, North Carolina. Today, as part of their separa-

tion agreement, Chatellier owns and operates "A Place to Shoot." The range, however, is still used by CTU for most of its firearms training.

The main range at A Place to Shoot is situated in a pleasant tree-lined clearing adjacent to a small lake, and consists of 20 covered pistol lanes and eight covered rifle lanes. The sniper range extends 500 meters, and a large barn on the property has been converted into an indoor shooting house with several rooms.

Chatellier offers courses both for the beginner and the advanced shooter. Even expert shooters swear by his instruction and say that Dave is like the "instructor a golf pro consults to improve his swing. He's a shooter's shooter, and can make even a top marksman better."

The goal of his Basic Shooting Program, Chatellier notes, is "to provide a student with the proper mind-set and combat marksmanship skills to engage a threat at close quarters and deal with it quickly, effectively and with finality."

His Basic Shooting Program is three days long and priced at \$500 per pupil, excluding transportation to Fayetteville and accommodations. It emphasizes a variety of handguns fired at single and multiple targets under changing circumstances, forcing the student to demonstrate target discrimination skills. On the first day, students are taught grip, stance, sight alignment, breathing control and trigger squeeze. Students then move to the firing line for

to 25 meters as the shooter's skill improves. Shooters are taught to engage single and multiple targets from standing, kneeling and prone positions, and while both stationary and moving.

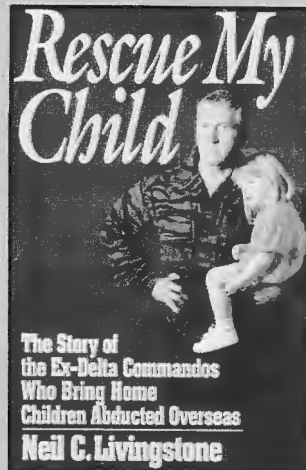
On the final day, students begin with a refresher course and instructors critique their first two days of shooting. Live fire begins with multiple targets at unknown

for perfection, Chatellier is a common-sense instructor who knows that few people will ever have the eyesight, coordination and sufficient trigger time to stand, as he does, on the firing line and put one round after another into the center bulls-eye while moving the pistol from 12 o'clock to 9 o'clock to 6 o'clock, and then to 3 o'clock, with only rare glances at the sight align-

THE COMPLETE CTU

Although they have kept a low profile for many years — both from habit and the requirements of their profession — since *SOF* first wrote about Dave Chatellier and Dave Feeney (see "Bring 'Em Back Alive," Sept. '89), recognition of their heroic exploits and the top-level training they supply has spread. More recent and detailed coverage of their child rescues will be found in Neil C. Livingstone's recently released book *Rescue My Child*, published by Simon & Schuster. The made-for-TV movie shown on 18 January 1993, *Desperate Rescue*, was based on CTU's true-life exploits. The stories of several other CTU child rescues are under consideration for television movies.

A non-profit organization has been formed to assist families with limited means who have run the fruitless gamut of State Department exercises and private investigator scams. Families with no place else to turn in their efforts to retrieve abducted children should contact Families United Corporation, P.O. Box 44143, Fayetteville, NC 28309.



— D. McLean.



Students train for mean-street scenarios they will face, and train in all the gear they need when they put their training to use, including this ballistic face shield. Photo: courtesy CTU

an intensive period of live firing, practice of the basics and firearms safety. Live fire begins with targets at 3 meters and progresses to 25 meters.

The second day begins on the firing line with a review of what was learned the previous day. Once again, targets are set up at 3 meters and gradually moved back

distances; the shooter is taught to engage action targets while moving from station to station with both a primary and a secondary weapon. During the three-day course, students are expected to shoot a minimum of 500 rounds, and most will shoot two or three times that much.

While encouraging his students to strive

ment. As a TV correspondent who recently filmed a segment on CTU for a nationally syndicated show commented, "That's what I call impressive."

Reflecting this pragmatic approach to shooting, Chatellier advises students, "In times of stress, shoot center mass. Don't try to take a fine sight and make a head shot."

Advanced Shooting Program

Two days longer than the introductory course, the advanced course prepares the student mentally and physically to use disciplined, accurate marksmanship to eliminate any threat in a life-and-death situation. The student engages targets at both close and long ranges, using handguns, shotguns and rifles.

The course is designed to build the shooter's confidence and enhance his or her ability to engage targets from standing, kneeling and prone positions, and from both their strong and weak sides. At the conclusion of the course, the student will have engaged stationary and moving targets in daylight, low light and no-light situations. Chatellier offers the five-day course for \$600 per pupil, which includes cost of ammunition, targets and instruction. Students are expected to pay their own expenses both to and while staying in Fayetteville. The course outline is as follows:

Day One: The student begins the course with classroom theory regarding grip, stance, sight alignment, breathing control and trigger squeeze. Students then move to the firing line for a dry firing session. Live fire begins with targets at 3 meters and progresses from single-tap shooting to double taps and firing multiple rounds. As the shooter's skill improves, the targets are moved back from 3 meters to distances of up to 25 meters.

Day Two: The class begins with a theory refresher period on the firing line, starting with single and multiple rounds on a lone target and progressing to multiple rounds on multiple targets. The shooter then engages multiple targets with both a primary and secondary weapon. All targets are engaged from standing, kneeling and prone positions.

Day Three: After a short warm-up period firing single and multiple rounds at targets, shooters are introduced to stress shooting conditions and taught to engage multiple targets in shoot/no-shoot situations. Targets are engaged during daylight, low light and no-light conditions. Finally, shooters are required to move through the shooting house while engaging targets.

Day Four: As on previous days, the class begins with a short refresher course and warm-up period. Shooters learn to transition from primary weapons to secondary weapons while under stress. Both single and multiple targets are engaged with rifles and shotguns at known distances.

The shooter then moves on to stationary and moving targets, with both rifles and shotguns, at unknown distances. Shooters are organized into teams to work as shooters/observers while identifying and engaging shoot/no-shoot targets.

Day Five: Following a refresher and warm-up period, the shooter participates in a culmination exercise designed to test his or her skills. Shooters are required to make decisions regarding target selection, weapons selection, ammunition selection and movement direction while engaging multiple targets in unfamiliar circumstances.

Among the other advanced courses available at A Place to Shoot are Close Quarters Combat, Rough Terrain and Wooded Areas Shooting, Sniping/Observing and a course teaching proficiency with the Heckler & Koch MP5 submachine gun.

Students are universally enthusiastic about the training they've received at A Place to Shoot. One recent graduate put it this way: "I'd always been afraid of automatics, preferring revolvers. But the course made me so comfortable with automatics, I'm going to buy one of my own."

Although built like an ox, Chatellier is a normally placid and reserved man. However, mention the subject of gun control and he visibly bristles. "If there's gun control," he growls, "the U.S. of A. will be no different than Somalia. All the bad guys will have guns and prey on the rest of society."

The most requested training courses at CTU are Defensive/Evasive Driving; Dig-

"police departments to some guy who wants to become a protective agent." While a number of courses are open to the public, all students are vetted to ensure that they are credible people and not criminals or crypto-terrorists such as the Sikhs who enrolled in an Alabama "mercenary school" and later were implicated in the bombing of an Indian jetliner off the southern coast of Ireland.

According to Feeney, what gives CTU's courses the edge over other training programs is "that all of our instructors are actively engaged in what they do. They're from the real world, with time on the ground. Some of them, for example, are active-duty police officers and they don't teach theory: They teach what really works on the streets and in the courts."

CTU's Executive Security Awareness Course, Judy Feeney explains, "prepares executives and their family members in the art of individual security. The course



Dave Chatellier trains Judy Feeney in countersniper use of H&K rifle with Leatherwood ART scope. Judy has been a prominent player in many CTU child rescues. Photo: courtesy CTU

nitary Protection; SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) I, II and III; and the Executive Security Awareness Course (ESAC). While adhering to a general outline, all CTU courses are custom-tailored to the individual client's needs, whether a police department or an executive security contingent from a major corporation. As to who their students are, Feeney's wife Judy says they run the gamut from

is usually five days long, but can be extended or shortened to fit the specific needs of the client." It can be taught at the CTU facility in Fayetteville or can be modified and "applied to the client's own surroundings." The course outline is as follows:

Introduction to Terrorism (4.0 Hours): The student is given an introduction to various perspectives on terrorism, motivational and behavioral systems, types of

FEENEY JAILED AS WE GO TO PRESS

As *Soldier Of Fortune* goes to press, Don Feeney is being held in an Icelandic jail awaiting trial on kidnapping charges. He was apprehended at Keflavik Airport on 27 January, trying to leave the country with James B. Grayson of Navarre, Florida, and Grayson's 4-year-old daughter, Anna. Grayson also has been charged with kidnapping.

Feeney had arrived in Iceland some days earlier, joining three other CTU operatives: Judy Feeney; former British policewoman Jacquie Davis, who runs CTU's London office; and Irish national Laurence Canavan, an employee of the London office. The advance team had conducted a recon to locate two missing girls that had been abducted last April by Erna Eyjolfsson, an Icelandic native. Eyjolfsson had been married, at different times, to Grayson and to Marine Gunnery Sergeant Frederick Pittman, and had one daughter by each man. However, because Eyjolfsson was a substance abuser and had been treated for mental problems, during the respective divorce proceedings the two fathers had each been awarded custody of their daughters.

Although Grayson and Pittman joined together to petition Icelandic authorities to intervene, Iceland only recently signed the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and refused to provide assistance because outstanding cases are not covered by the Convention.

When they couldn't secure the return of their daughters through conventional methods, Grayson and Pittman contacted CTU. Don and Judy agreed to take the case. Posing as film producers involved in a fictitious movie project called "The Viking," the CTU operatives managed to get close to Eyjolfsson and retrieve the two girls. However, unlike other countries where they have conducted successful rescues, Iceland presented the CTU team with a set of unique challenges — chief of which was the lack of alternate escape and evasion routes. For all practical purposes there was only one way out of the country: via the airport. Given Iceland's relative isolation and the fact that the North Atlantic is extremely stormy in winter, neither a private plane nor a high-speed boat were compatible with the safety of the children.

The CTU operatives had split into two teams. While the first team was apprehended at the airport, the second team, composed of Judy, Jacquie, Lawrence and 10-year-old Elizabeth Pittman managed to board an Icelandic Airways flight for Luxembourg. But when the plane landed in Luxembourg they were detained in response to a request by Icelandic authorities. After being held for seven hours, the three CTU operatives were expelled to the United Kingdom while Elizabeth Pittman was returned to Iceland.

As he awaits trial, Don is in good spirits and recently sent a message to his family and friends through his lawyer, saying, "All in all, being in jail in Iceland is easier than Ranger School." Anyone wanting to protest the Icelandic government's actions is urged to write or call: The Embassy of Iceland, 2022 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington DC 20008; phone: 202-265-6653.

— N. C. L.

As this issue went to press, *SOF* received word that Don Feeney was sentenced to serve two years in jail with possibility of parole in nine months.

Surveillance Practical Exercise (4.0 Hours): Students are placed in a situation where they must detect an active surveillance utilizing the surveillance recognition and countering methods as well as observation and description methods learned in the classroom.

Explosive Devices (2.0 Hours): Explanation of how explosives work, recognition of devices, triggers; precautions and procedures to follow upon encountering a suspect device; and hasty searches of living/working areas and vehicles.

CTU's course description for their 34.25 hour defensive/evasive driving program is as follows:

Introduction to Defensive/Evasive Driving (0.5 Hours): Explanation of the rules, procedures and objectives of defensive/evasive driving.

Pre-Operational Vehicle Safety Check (0.25 Hours): Make visual and physical check of vehicle noting its attitude, tires and undercarriage.

Vehicle Dynamics (1.0 Hours): Explanation of the various effects of weight transfer during acceleration, deceleration and turning.

Pre-Operational Interior Safety Check (0.25 Hours): Systematic check inside vehicle for foreign objects and instruction regarding the correct driving position.

In-Motion Vehicle Safety Check (0.25 Hours): Safety check of the vehicle after it is in motion, including brakes, steering and drive train.

Four-Cone Slalom (2.0 Hours): Demonstrate proper vehicle handling procedures without hitting cones or losing control of the vehicle.

Braking and Turning (2.0 Hours): Demonstrate proper panic-braking techniques within the limits of the training obstacle.

Accident Avoidance (2.5 Hours): Negotiate simulated roadblock using proper braking and steering techniques at prescribed speed.

Cornering Techniques (5.0 Hours): Explain and demonstrate proper cornering techniques for increasing radius, decreasing radius and 90-degree turns.

Reverse 180-Degree Turn (2.0 Hours): Student will demonstrate his or her ability to stop within a given location and reverse direction in five seconds or less.

Ninety-Degree Turn (1.0 Hours): The student will learn how to make an emergency 90-degree turn without using the brake pedal.

Forward 180-Degree Turn (2.0 Hours): The student will demonstrate his or her ability to reverse direction using a controlled forward 180-degree spin.

Three-Car Motorcade Procedures (5.0 Hours): Explains seating, individual responsibilities and evasive drills. Although geared for protective details, this segment also is good for executives so that they

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terrorism and the training and organization of today's terrorist groups.

Terrorist Operations (2.0 Hours): Areas explained are characteristics, phases, most common acts of terrorism, and weapons used by terrorists. It is imperative that the student have a complete understanding of terrorist operations as this will determine where the individual fits into the terrorist targeting scheme.

Hostage Survival (2.0 Hours): What action to take in the event of a kidnapping, and how to survive in a hostile environment. Appropriate behavior while incarcerated will ensure the victim's physical and mental survival.

Observation and Description (2.0 Hours): How to develop a mental format for the identification and description of individuals, areas and incidents.

Individual Protective Measures (4.0 Hours): Techniques and measures an individual can implement to "harden" their security profile at home, the office and while traveling. How to utilize your surroundings and environment for the protection of your home, business, family and self to minimize the chance of a crimi-

nal/terrorist attack.

Safe Haven (2.0 Hours): How to prepare your office, home and vehicle to act as a secure area in the event of a criminal/terrorist attack. The preparation of areas for limited survival and protection, design and maintenance of safe havens.

Firearms Training (8.0 Hours): This segment covers the description, handling, safeguarding and use of firearms for defensive purposes. It also teaches the maintenance, employment techniques and live firing of weapons. (Student level and experience with firearms dictates the level of training.)

Defensive/Evasive Driving (8.0 Hours): Introduction to vehicle dynamics, which provides hands-on training and introduces the vehicle as a defensive tool and weapon. Driving techniques allow the student to learn control of the vehicle while executing evasive maneuvers, executing reverse-180 turns, attack recognition and reaction.

Surveillance and Counter-Surveillance (4.0 Hours): How to detect hostile surveillance and avoid tracking. Students learn passive-evasive methods to counter surveillance.

The excited flutter of leftist hearts

resounded through the land on the morning of 29 October 1992, set astir by the headline over a half-page article in *The New York Times*: "After 40 Years, a Postscript on Hiss: Russian Official Calls Him Innocent." Alger Hiss, America's most notorious spy figure since Benedict Arnold, might be innocent after all!

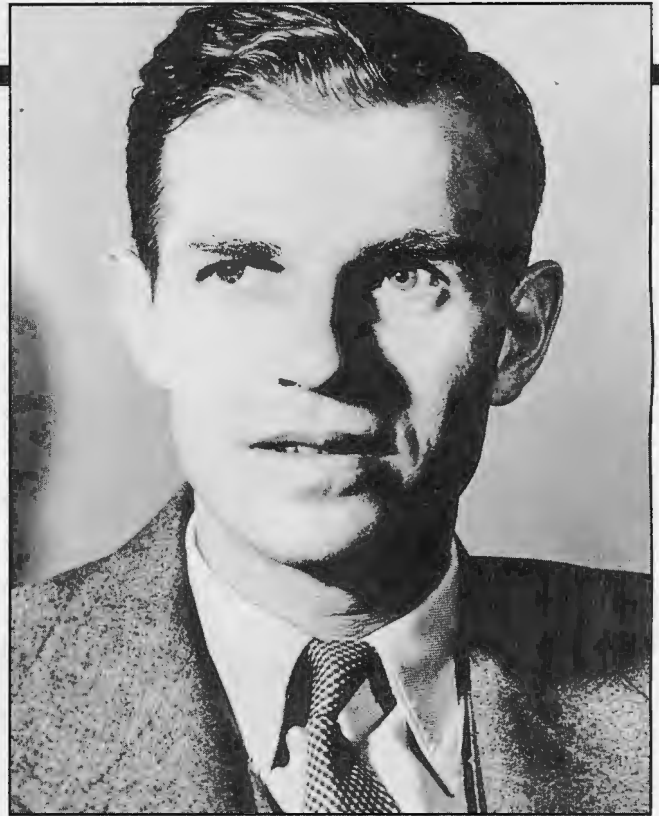
The former U.S. State Department official — one of the "best and brightest" of second-rung Roosevelt administration officials — was convicted of perjury in 1950 for lying about his Soviet espionage activities. As a result, Hiss spent 44 months in a federal prison; he has subsequently devoted nearly four decades' effort toward clearing his name.

Despite overwhelming evidence of his guilt, Hiss remains an icon to an aging generation of American fuzzy-thinkers who consider him a victim of "Cold War McCarthyism." That the detested Richard Nixon played the seminal role in bringing Hiss to bay enhanced his symbolism as a martyr.

What the media hasn't been eager to tell you about the initial splash of "Hiss Exonerated" stories is that the whole exoneration was a hoax — one which *The New York Times* should have detected and deflated long before giving it such serious attention. Media handling of the Hiss story was major journalistic malfeasance.

The *Times* article stemmed from supposed research by General Dimitri Volkogonov, a former Red Army political commissar turned historian. Here is a capsule of what the *Times* said about the supposed exoneration.

The Nation Institute, a research adjunct of the far-left *The Nation* magazine, ran a conference in Moscow during the summer. Afterward, a researcher and filmmaker named John Lowenthal approached Volkogonov and asked him if he would see what he could find in old Soviet intelligence archives concerning Hiss. Volkogonov, in turn, contacted Gen. Yevgeny Primakov, director of the Russian Intelligence Service (RIS), successor to the KGB,



Alger Hiss in 1949, after onetime communist Whittaker Chambers fingered him as a State Department-based Soviet spy in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Photo: AP/Wide World

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After 40 Years, a Postscript on Hiss: Russian Official Calls Him Innocent

By DAVID MARGOLICK

In the latest chapter of a case that catapulted Richard M. Nixon to national prominence and has divided a high court for more than 40 years, a top-ranking Russian official says a review of newly opened archives clears Alger Hiss of accusations that he ever spied for the Soviet Union.

"Not a single document, and a great amount of materials has been studied, substantiates the allegation that Mr. Hiss collaborated with the intelligence services of the Soviet Union," the official, Gen. Dmitri A. Volkogonov, chairman of the Russian Government's military intelligence archives, declared. He called the espionage accusations against Mr. Hiss "completely groundless."

Scholars of Soviet affairs said they were struck by the categorical, almost passionate, nature of the Russian official's statement. They said that as a respected historian and close adviser to President Boris Yeltsin, General Volkogonov should be taken seriously on the matter. But they cautioned that given the labyrinthine nature of the Soviet bureaucracy and the sensitivity of military and foreign intelligence operations, General Volkogonov may have unknowingly overstated his findings.

"I don't doubt that he's given an honest report on what he saw, but there are a lot of things he might not have seen," said Richard Pipes, a Soviet scholar at Harvard University. "There are archives within archives within any archives. To say there is no evidence in any of the archives is not very responsible on his part."

regarded as prejudiced from the beginning, but I think this is a final verdict on the thing. I can't imagine a more authoritative source than the files of the old Soviet Union.

"Rationally, I realized the thing was running out, and that the correction of Chambers's charges might not come about in my lifetime. But inside I was sure somehow I would be vindicated."

Called a Cold War Victim
General Volkogonov issued his opinion on Oct. 14. In a separate statement videotaped the next day, he elaborated on his findings. He said that as a State Department official in the 1940's, Mr. Hiss had "normal official working contacts" with Soviet officials and was "never a spy for the Soviet Union." Instead, he called him a victim of the cold war.

"The fact that he was convicted in the '50's was a result of either false information or judicial error," he concluded.

Soviet espionage."
Mr. Hiss eventually spent nearly four years in a Federal penitentiary, then emerged to find his legal career and marriage in shambles. For many years he sought vindication through the courts. Three times the United States Supreme Court refused to hear his case.

Whether through headlines, newsreels or early television broadcasts of the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1948, an entire generation of Americans followed the Hiss-Chambers case.

Millions of citizens developed indelible images of the principal players in the drama: Mr. Hiss, who once clerked for Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and accompanied Franklin D. Roosevelt to accompany former Communist who ascribed former Communist himself for his country; and Mr. Nixon, a crusading young Congressman from California steadily inspecting microfilm with a magnifying glass. Mr. Nixon touted his leading role in his successful campaign for the Senate in 1952.

The public also became versed in the peculiar accoutrements of the controversy: the Woodstock typewriter with which Mr. Hiss's wife purportedly retyped the purported documents; the pumpkin in which Mr. Chambers hid the microfilm; he said Mr. Hiss had given him; and even the prophetic warbler that Mr. Hiss, an amateur ornithologist, spotted in the early 1930's. Mr. Chambers's claim to retrace his conversation with Mr. Hiss member a conversation with Mr. Hiss about the bird strengthened his argu-

Burrowing into Russian archives, a historian sees an injustice.

"You can tell Alger Hiss that the heavy weight should be lifted from his heart."

As for Mr. Chambers, the Russian official said that files confirmed his

who ordered a review of the files. This happened last August. On 25 September, the *Times* continued, Volkogonov contacted Lowenthal and said his work was finished. Volkogonov gave Lowenthal both a written and videotaped statement in Moscow on 14 and 15 October.

"Not a single document, and a great amount of materials have been studied, substantiates the allegation that Mr. A. Hiss collaborated with the intelligence services of the Soviet Union," Volkogonov stated. "I believe that public opinion should have long since cleared A. Hiss of the old suspicions, which are completely groundless." He told Lowenthal, "You can tell Alger Hiss

Article "exonerating" Alger Hiss was positioned prominently in *The New York Times* and other major newspapers. Retraction several months later was short and buried in the back pages.



Hiss at October 1992 press conference after *The New York Times* quoted high-ranking Russian general stating Soviet archives revealed no proof of Hiss collaborating with communist agents.

Photo: AP/Wide World

described as a "feeble 88-year-old man who has been waiting for decades for some type of redemption." Hiss was put on camera to speak of his "great elation, happiness, and joy."

Tuchman concluded, "Alger Hiss says that his faith has never wavered, that the facts would eventually clear up. But despite the words of a military leader in Russia, the fact remains that Hiss' own government has not exonerated him, and as of now there are no wheels in motion to do just that."

A similar story aired on ABC's *World News Tonight*. CBS and NBC ran short news stories about the "exoneration." The *Los Angeles Times* put the exoneration story on its front page; *The Washington Post* ran a large page 3 display.

The *Times* article contained a number of red flags which made Accuracy in Media (AIM), the Washington, D.C.-based media watch organization, suspicious as to whether readers were being told the whole story. First, why had not the *Times* done its own interview with Gen. Volkogonov? The man is a visible figure in Moscow and highly accessible. For the past 18 months or so, he has been the Russian representative on the joint commission set up to search records on American POWs and other citizens said to be held in the old USSR.

Questions That Should Have Been Asked

Which records did Volkogonov examine? The old KGB was irrelevant to Hiss' career as a Soviet spy. This is affirmed by the account of Whittaker Chambers, the onetime communist who served as his control in 1936-38, when Hiss worked with the State Department. He had joined a Soviet spy ring earlier while working in another agency. In his book *Witness*, and in testimony before Congress and at Hiss' criminal trials, Chambers said they worked for the GRU intelligence arm of the Red Army, and for the Communist International, or Comintern. The Comintern provided the apparatus through which Moscow used domestic com-

ACTS, WE GOT

Alger Hiss Still Martyr For Liberal Press

by Joseph C. Goulden

that the heavy weight should be lifted from his heart."

Lowenthal gave the material exclusively to the *Times* for its 29 October story. To the *Times'* credit, it showed an apparent wariness about the bona fides of the claim by placing the story far back in the local news section; nonetheless, it covered a half-page.

Times Fails To Fact Check

The *Times* also quoted several skeptics. Richard Pipes, a Soviet scholar at Harvard University, said that although Volkogonov might have given an "honest report on what he saw ... there are archives within archives within archives. To say there is no evidence in any of the archives is not very responsible on his part." But to the rest of the media, that the *Times* gave the story such prominence was the equivalent of authentication. So the media glossed over these warnings.

Cable News Network on 29 October repeatedly broadcast a long report by correspondent Gary Tuchman in which Hiss was

munists in the United States and elsewhere for espionage. Volkogonov's canned statement to Lowenthal mentioned neither of these agencies.

How thorough a search was made? By Volkogonov's own account, his "search" extended from 15 August, when Lowenthal made his first contact, through 25 September. But Volkogonov had told the *Moscow Times* on 25 September that he had been devoting the majority of his time to "research on the American POW/MIA issue." In light of this, Dr. Allen Weinstein, author of *Perjury: The Hiss-Chambers Case* (the definitive book on Hiss), asked in a 4 November *Washington Post* op-ed article just how painstaking a screening Volkogonov could have done in such a short period.

Perjury was published in 1978. As a liberal historian, Weinstein wrote in his preface how he began work on the book with the

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LOOKING FOR A FEW “PRETTY GOOD” SHOTS

SOF's Crash Course For Bosnian Volunteers

by Bob Jordan

“I Taught Croatian Soldiers How To Shoot Serbs At 1,000 Meters,” blared the headline on the Zagreb-based *Globus* newspaper. The quote, attributed to *Soldier Of Fortune*'s Editor/Publisher Robert K. Brown, wasn't entirely accurate but was based on fact — sniper training was a key part of *SOF*'s training syllabus during our recent trip to Bosnia.

War in what used to be the country of Yugoslavia has been raging since June 1991. At that time the republics of Slovenia and Croatia declared their independence and the Serbian-dominated central government responded with military force to keep them part of Yugoslavia. Slovenia saw fighting first, but the central government's lines of communication were too long, so the campaign to beat the Slovenes into submission failed in a matter of weeks.

Then the government in Belgrade (once Yugoslavia's capital, and now Serbia's) turned its attention to Croatia, where fierce fighting went on for a year until the United Nations sent 10,000 “peacekeepers” to stand between warring Croats and Serbs. Fighting in Croatia at present is only sporadic, but because Serbian forces occupy some 30% of Croatia, which the Croats rightly want back, at some point in the near future that part of the war will resume. Stalled in Croatia, the Belgrade government decided that the republic of Bosnia would be the next target for incorporation into its planned “Greater Serbia.”

Bosnia has (or had, prior to the Serbs' “ethnic cleansing”) a population mix of about 43% Moslem, 20% Catholic Croat and 30% Orthodox Serbian. Using the pre-

text of “protecting our fellow Serbs from persecution” to justify their actions, Serbia sent its military strength and huge amounts of munitions and arms to Bosnia.

Serbia's army and air force combined with local Serbian militias have so far annexed more than two-thirds of Bosnia. The remainder of the country is still resisting. And, like the people of Croatia, non-Serbian Bosnians want their country back and will fight to get it. Having participated briefly in the Croatian fight (see “Combat Zone Croatia,” *SOF* Feb. '92), I was pleased to be invited to Tomislavgrad, a small city west of Sarajevo, as part of a *Soldier Of Fortune* training team.

The Serb Stops Here

Headquarters for the King Tomislav Brigade is about seven miles behind its forward positions. Those positions form part of a defensive line which has stopped Serbian forces from completing their drive to the Adriatic Sea, thereby splitting embattled Bosnia in two, which would bring “Greater Serbia” one step closer to realization.

As part of an *SOF* team (see “*SOF* Team Trains The King's Cadre” and “Classic Arms, Croatian Courage,” *SOF* April '93), former U.S. Army Colonel Mike Peck and I were asked to conduct training for selected personnel who were temporarily in reserve. A four-tour Vietnam vet with extensive experience in Special Forces, including Delta Force, Mike had also done a tour as an instructor at Ranger School and was on the ground in Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada). He is, of course, well-qualified and up-to-date, and we were

able to provide useful instruction in several subjects asked for by the brigade commander — sniping, leadership techniques, patrolling and establishment of defensive positions.

As was the case in my previous visit to Croatia, I found our students to be everything an instructor could want. Intelligent, physically fit and enthusiastic, they were motivated by a strong desire to defend their homes, or to recapture houses now occupied by the Serbian army. Some of them had fought from their bedroom windows before being driven out by enemy tanks. Nearly all were locally recruited militia, supplemented by a small leavening of soldiers with experience in the former Yugoslav army or service in the French Foreign Legion. Eager to learn, they soaked up everything we could teach them and always got it right the first time.

Sniping, when used against unarmed civilians or conducted from the bell tower of a university campus, is nothing less than murder. Properly used in the military context, however, sniping is a very efficient method of killing one's most dangerous opponents before they get a chance to kill you, or disrupting enemy operations and morale for only the cost of a few well-placed bullets.

When Mike and I arrived at his office, Colonel Zeljko Glasnovic, commander of the King Tomislav Brigade, gave us 20 soldiers armed with a variety of scoped rifles and asked us to make them into snipers in three days. The colonel knew that a normal sniping course is months long, but he didn't have months to spare. Mike and I gulped, asked for the rest of



Volunteer sniper trainees pose with target. SOF's training team had but a few days to turn enthusiastic "pretty good" shots into snipers.

the day to prepare lesson plans and agreed to start teaching early the next morning.

At 0800, after a breakfast of good bread, sausage and coffee strong enough to crack the cup it came in, we met our course in a classroom at Brigade HQ. They were mostly 18 to 20 years old with a couple of NCO-types of about 35. Newly recruited, not one of them raised his hand when asked if anyone had killed an enemy soldier, but they all claimed to have done a good deal of deer, rabbit and fowl hunting in more peaceful times, and thus were "pretty good" shots.

Checking their weapons, Mike and I found quite a variety of rifles, many brand-new, and all in fine condition. There were several Steyr SSGs (my personal choice for anti-personnel sniping), a dozen Yugoslav M-76 sniping rifles (copies of the Soviet Dragunov), an FN FAL, a Winchester .30-30 lever action and other civilian hunting rifles. I was especially pleased to see a Barrett Light-50, a devastating weapon when properly employed.

Our students' rifles all had telescopic sights, again varying in type and quality. There were some Swarovskis on the SSGs, some Tascos, a Bushnell and some Yugoslav-made scopes on the M-76s, all with different reticules and adjustment drums, promising to make zeroing an interesting exercise.

After assessing our student's experience, abilities and equipment, Mike and I started the course with several hours' lecture and discussion. First, we spoke of moral and ethical aspects of shooting unsuspecting people from a safe distance, stressing that soldiers never intentionally kill civilians, but that when used in his proper role, a single sniper can have the impact of dozens of average riflemen. This led to the characteristics an individual needs to be an effective sniper, such as maturity, determination and the ability to work away from one's fellow troops.

We then talked about the need for first-class fieldcraft — camouflage, concealment, tactical movement and use of ter-

rain for stalking, selection of hides and alternative positions, along with many other aspects of security that are a sniper's main defense. Entering and leaving friendly lines, use of artillery support, coordination and operation in conjunction with patrols, command and control, ballistics and ammo selection, choice of a team partner, equipment and differences in rural and urban environments were other subjects covered before we went to the range that afternoon.

Our "pretty good shots" turned out needing a lot of practice in basic marksmanship, so we spent the rest of the first day and most of the next just firing groups at 100 meters, then adjusting scopes once a shooter had a group tight enough to correct. We found a few of the scope mounts needed attention, and that the M-76 was generally a good deal less accurate than other rifles in use, but eventually we had nearly all our students getting consistent hits on torso-sized targets at 500 meters. Happy enough with this standard, given the short time available, we spent our final day with a few simple exercises and a review of important subjects.

Thirty-seven platoon and company commanders made up our next class, anxious to learn what we could teach them about troop-leading techniques. In a long day of classroom and terrain model work, Mike and I taught them the sequence of planning and executing operations, including analysis of all relevant factors: how to backward-plan available time, prepare and issue orders, conduct rehearsals, use support artillery, armor and troops.

Like the students of our previous class, these officers were hungry for any scrap of knowledge we could give them and we all felt that weeks could have been well-spent together. Unfortunately, though, the war required them to return to their units the next day.

Colonel Glasnovic gave us a break from teaching when he invited us to tour posi-



An eclectic assortment of volunteers and their rifles in sniper training. Among the ordnance these men brought along were Steyr SSGs, Yugo M-76s (Dragunov redesign) — even a Winchester .30-30 lever action deer rifle.

King Tomislav Brigade's use of terrain made it clear why the Serbian offensive had ground to a halt in this area. As of this writing, the Serbians were still being held.

Several more days of instruction followed for us, this time for NCOs who needed to know about patrolling. Again our men learned quickly and again we wished for weeks instead of days. We had other commitments, though, and had to leave; maybe next time.

War in the Balkans will continue as long as the Serbian people and government believe they can get away with their aggression. While individual Serbs, Croats and Moslems battle each other over centuries-old grievances now reinforced by recent atrocities, their politicians callously manipulate public opinion to keep them fighting.

The European Economic Community, the United Nations, the United States and Russia (the Serbs' main supporter) *must* convince all sides that negotiations are better than combat. Endless arguments over irrelevant "no-fly zones" and patently unworkable peace proposals do nothing but waste time while people continue being killed.

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HOLY WARRIORS CON



A region historically at constant war with itself until rivalries were quashed under the blanket of communism, Afghanistan and the Central Asian republics of the former USSR continue to boil. Movements change, alliances change, powers change, states and borders change — but the wars go on: it's what they do.

VERT TO COMMUNISM

Some Muj Now Fight For Soviets In Tadzhikistan

Text & Photos by Mike Winchester



The textbook went out the window sometime during the mid-1980s. Since then, the only rules that count are those dictated by battlefield survival — and what Afghan chopper jocks don't know about *that* is probably not worth knowing.

After years of continual operations, the state of the Afghans' Soviet-supplied Mi-17 (upgraded, export Mi-8 Hip) transports and Mi-35 (upgraded, export Mi-24 Hind) attack choppers leaves a lot to be desired, and the spares pipeline is waning along with other support from their former Soviet mentors. But these men learned survival by flying in and out of some of the hottest LZs of the last decade — Khost, Jaji, Jalalabad, Gardez. That they are survivors proves they have what it takes.

In the vicinity of Kabul and Mazar-i-Sharif last year, it was SOP to fly fast and low, and my pre-Christmas flight to the border of the former Soviet Union was no different. It was early afternoon when we lifted off from Mazar-i-Sharif's Deh Dadi base, home to the 380th Helicopter Regiment. In three Mi-17s, we set course due east. We passed the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, spread out in a dusty haze on our port side, then swung northeast over the highway and across the desert.

Our ground speed was about 250 kph, or close to maximum. Altitude? Sitting at the open door of the lead chopper, wedged between the bulkhead and a crate of AKMs, I hoped the occasional herd of camels below had head clearance — but they could be excused for not waiting around to make sure. We were low. Maybe 50 feet. Maybe less.

Don't Break Your Hip

The pilot, Hasan, was a captain in his 30s who casually told me over lunch that he'd had three choppers shot out from under him during operations along the Pakistan border, and by rights he should be dead. Okay. Just so long as he didn't choose this afternoon to set the record straight.

In the recent past, getting up to the border of the former Soviet Union had been a risky business. Early in the war, I'd traveled on foot and in trucks with the muj, moving by night, laying up and camouflaging the vehicles by day, continually alert for the *thump-thump-thump* of choppers. Now, 10 years later, I was thundering over the same desert at blinding speed after a relaxed lunch with the same guys who in the old days would have blown me away without batting an eye: politics Afghan-style.

Around Mazar-i-Sharif, according to Hasan, the country could be presumed friendly. But further east, closer to the border, all bets were off. For one thing, the turf had only recently been secured by the north's new military strong man, Abdul Rashid Dustam. For another, the war in Tadzhikistan was now being fought close to the border.



Troops from a NIM armored unit relax after securing a city in northern Afghanistan.

With the brown hills of Tadjikistan across the water, Hasan came in toward the river and banked steeply to bring the chopper onto an easterly course following the marshy Afghan bank. By then I'd already seen the smoke, a dirty gray pillar rising thickly from a point perhaps 15 clicks upstream. As far as the eye could see in any direction the sky was a cloudless blue, except over on the Tadjikistan riverbank where the pall of smoke was spreading.

Burning Fragments Of The Evil Empire

Only a year ago, the land across the river had been part of the former USSR, but the war now raging had been brewing for a lot longer. Impatience with the local communist elite was endemic and, encouraged by the success of Tadjik mujahideen fighters in Afghanistan, the local Islamic underground flourished. Civil war erupted within months of the dissolution of the USSR and birth of the new Moslem states on Russia's southern rim — Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan and the three states bordering Afghanistan — Turkmenistan in the west, Tadjikistan in the east and Uzbekistan, the most populous, in the center.

In November 1991 Tadjikistan communist party boss and hard-line *apparatchik* Rakhmon Nabiyev won the country's first general elections with a little help from his cronies. But come the spring of 1992, there followed months of anti-communist demonstrations and in May, days after the communist collapse in Kabul, Nabiyev allowed members of the democratic and Islamist oppositions into his government. In September, as war spread, he was finally driven from power in Tadjikistan's capital, Dushanbe, by a democrat-Islamist coalition.

Hard Virus To Kill

But enjoying support in the renamed communist party and among the large Uzbek minority in Tadjikistan, it wasn't long before the communists staged a savagely violent comeback. By December, aided by aircraft from neighboring Uzbekistan — where fellow communists were still in power — Tadjik communist forces pushed south from northern strongholds to retake the capital and begin a

brutal process of massacre and execution. Throughout the mayhem, the Russian 201st Motorized Infantry Division sat it out in Dushanbe — ostensibly neutral. Having spent much of the Afghan war fighting the muj in northern Afghanistan, there was little doubt which way their sympathies ran. They, like the Uzbekistan government, covertly aided the Tadjik communists.

Shortly after Christmas, the communists captured the opposition stronghold of Kafirnikhon near Dushanbe — then swept along the western border with Afghanistan, forcing tens of thousands to flee their burning villages and swim the river. For over a decade Afghanistan has been celebrated for the fact that some 5 million of its citizens have fled to neighboring states. When people are actually fleeing *into* Afghanistan as a place of refuge from the communist onslaught, you can safely assume things are desperate.

Across the river from us they clearly



Crates of new AKMs are unloaded from MI-17 on arrival at Sher Khan Bandar.

were. As far as could be made out, the source of the massive conflagration appeared to be burning buildings and vehicles. But Hasan was not about to try for his fourth aircraft loss with a little extemporaneous aerial recon. His orders were clear: Patrol the Afghan bank and deliver the AKs to allied forces. Straying across the border into the middle of someone else's war ran an excellent chance of taking ground fire from one or the other side — or, in this neck of the woods, probably both.

He held course for Sher Khan Bandar, a settlement on the Afghan bank some 40 clicks away. Watching the results of the communist advance, I couldn't help but reflect on the way that events on both sides of the river were taking a curiously similar course. Central Asia's communists were, it seemed, a long way from finished.

Holy War On Hold

Only months before it had looked like the Islamic wave was unstoppable. In April the hated Najibullah regime in Kabul had collapsed and the mujahideen, after 14 years of guerrilla warfare, came down from the hills to take over the towns. The communist party was banned and

across much of the country Kabul's army and security forces collapsed.

North of the border in Dushanbe the Islamic movement was also riding high. President Nabiyev, like Najibullah a long-time communist, was struggling to shake off now-discredited Marxist clothes and adopt a nationalist costume. But as the Afghan secret-policeman-turned-liberal-democrat had found before him, the quick-change routine is a tricky one to pull off. Emboldened by supplies of weapons from sympathetic Afghan mujahideen, the Tadjik opposition — democrats and Islamists of the still-banned Islamic Renaissance Party (IRP) — was mounting demonstrations that eventually toppled Nabiyev in September and led to a brief coalition government headed by the democratic speaker of the national assembly, Akbarcho Iskandarov.

But the communist backlash was not long in coming. In Tadjikistan, it drove the new government from power in a bloody military offensive in December. In Afghanistan, where the communists had been decisively defeated, the reaction was taking a slower, subtler form that has yet to play itself out. There, the onetime communists are biding their time, watching and waiting while the mujahideen movement tears itself apart.

The differences between the mujahideen factions had been bloodily apparent even before the fall of Kabul. Within days of Najibullah's resignation and attempted flight, the two main Afghan Islamist parties, the mainly Tadjik Jamiat-i-Islami (Islamic Society) dominant in the north-east, and the Pushtun Hezb-i-Islami (Islamic Party) of extremist Gulbuddin Hekmatyar were at each other's throats in the streets of the capital.

To all appearances, the winner was Jamiat. In April the party's best-known military commander, Ahmad Shah Massoud, became defense minister, and in June Jamiat leader Burhanuddin Rabbani took over as president. Following a year-end national assembly, he was confirmed in this position for another two years.

Hekmatyar's Hezb, meanwhile, had been pushed out of Kabul and had regrouped to the south of the city. With up to 6,000 troops in the field, they were still dangerous and capable of unleashing blistering rocket attacks on the defenseless city, notably in August when some 3,000 civilians were slaughtered in a savage week-long blitz. But Hekmatyar still lacked the military muscle to capture the city outright. After the pitiless rocketing of August, he was running low on political credibility too.

Power From The Barrels Of The Most Guns

But in Afghanistan appearances are invariably deceptive. If Jamiat looked like top dog, the reality was more complex. Rabbani might be king, but the kingmaker

THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN AFGHANISTAN

Interested to find out just when Dustam might be calling in his political chips, and not without some difficulty, I arranged to see him in Shibarghan, his northwestern desert redoubt and home to the 53rd Division.

Having flown north to Mazar-i-Sharif in an AN-32 transport — Ivan's answer to the C-130 — I took a chopper to Shibarghan and was put up in an official guesthouse in a walled compound off a quiet back street. This was not, however, your run-of-the-mill, roach-infested Afghan flea pit.

Having access to power and the money that goes with it, Dustam had created behind the walls something that might have come from an updated edition of Aladdin's Lamp. Decor in the main house was lavish, rooms thickly carpeted and furnished with plush sofas, cushions and satin curtains. In a country where you're normally lucky to find a bed, the bed sheets were silk. A dish on the roof provided satellite TV out of Hong Kong. The bar was stocked with the best scotch from Moscow, served by deferential Uzbek butlers. Outside was a swimming pool in a garden stocked with miniature deer and huge stone lions. At one end of the pool was a tree lit by fairy lights with carpets spread beneath it; at the other end, a small sauna complex. About the only thing lacking was a few Thai massage girls — but maybe it was their day off.

Set amid the desert-wastes of Shibarghan, the cumulative impact on the senses was surreal: in fact, close to hallucinatory. Suffice it to say Islamic revolution Kabul-style has yet to make a big impact in Dustam country.

The general's own accommodation turned out to be rather more modest — a tiny government apartment in a nondescript prefabricated block where we breakfasted the next day. The meal was served in a cramped living room decorated by photos of the "Great Man" and his comrades-in-arms on operations. At 43, Dustam himself is a powerfully built man, well over 6 feet tall and tending to middle-aged spread. A round face is dominated by a Groucho Marx moustache and topped by thick black hair and a Soviet forage cap.

When in a genial mood, the general is good company in a backslapping, hail-fellow-well-met sort of way. But there's another, darker side never far from the surface, forebode by the brooding silences and furrowed brows. Then you remember that this man's troops have terrorized much of Afghanistan, and Dustam did not get where he is today by winning popularity contests. He is unquestionably very dangerous indeed. More tea?

As we talked, Dustam wasn't giving much away on his political plans — but he was keen to show off his military. After breakfast we piled into an air-conditioned Pakistani land-cruiser — the very latest model — and roared off to his command center. A pickup carrying a squad of RPG-toting bodyguards was soon dust behind us. Outside his underground command bunker, we watched a new unit of T-62 main battle tanks maneuver on a dusty plain.

Below, down a narrow flight of wooden stairs and along a corridor, we entered a war room covered with large-scale maps of the north. It was from here that Dustam had commanded his takeover of Mazar-i-Sharif in March and made himself, in effect, the most powerful military figure in the country.

— M. W.

was not Defense Minister Massoud. It was the man who'd made a muj victory possible in the first place — Abdul Rashid Dustam, the Uzbek militia boss from the northwest.

It was only a matter of time before communists north of the border appreciated the wisdom of making better friends with Dustam. Before long the Uzbek warlord visited the city of Tashkent where he



Mujahideen of the Shi'ite Hezb-i-Wahdat outside Soviet Embassy in Kabul. Iran-backed Wahdat controls much of western Kabul.

and Uzbekistan party boss Islam Karimov found they had much to talk about. In particular, Karimov was worried about the gathering storm in neighboring Tadjikistan and the flow of weapons across the border from Afghanistan. By September when the Tadjik communist boss Nabiyeu was ousted, Karimov was close to frantic. More Russian border guard troops were flown in to help out along the river. And who better to restore a little control on the southern bank than Dustam himself?

From their northwestern base Dustam's forces struck east with the port of Sher Khan Bandar, north of Kunduz, their first target. Next door to Sher Khan Bandar was the district of Emam Saheb, which I knew well from an earlier visit in 1989. Even then it was a hotbed of cross-border gunrunning.

A heliborne task force, later backed by armor, reasserted control decisively in September. In a novel twist to logistics Central Asian-style, they floated tanks up-

stream on barges and unloaded them at Sher Khan Bandar once the heliborne troops had mopped up the minimal resistance.

Sher Khan Bandar was never one of Central Asia's major tourist attractions, and dismantling by the Soviets of the military pontoon bridge that spanned the river in the war years had done nothing to enliven the place. A dusty, ramshackle border settlement wedged between the desert and the sluggish brown water of the Amu-Dar'ya, it'd be difficult to imagine a better spot to station a penal battalion.

Old Faces In New Circumstances

Certainly nobody ever reckoned Sher Khan Bandar to be worth an airstrip, and we touched down on the narrow tarmac road from Kunduz. Within minutes, crates of weapons were being manhandled out the rear cargo doors by a mixed crew of army troops and muj types, commanded by a guy who looked strangely familiar. It took me several seconds to realize I was looking at a top Hezb-i-Islami commander called Latif whom I'd known a couple of years before. At that time he had been primarily occupied with spreading Islamic revolution in the form of Korans and weaponry into the Soviet Union. He saw me too, started in recognition, and turned abruptly away.

But before I had the chance to talk to him my hand was being vigorously pumped by a tall, magnificently mustachioed army officer in well-pressed Soviet cammie fatigues. This was Hamidullah Aka, a career soldier who'd fought for the Kabul regime throughout the war and who as a major general had risen to command the border task force.

We drove in his jeep to the garrison command post, situated in a spacious, pillared bungalow. Over tea, Aka elaborated on the border situation.

He and his brigade-sized force were tasked with something close to mission impossible — "sealing the border" and so stemming the flow of arms and ammunition into Tadjikistan. Back in '89 when I'd last been up on the river with Latif, gunrunning had been a relatively straightforward business — as Afghan muj with cross-border contacts ferried small arms, ammunition, and religious literature to like-minded Islamic groups in the former USSR. At some stage in a distant future, went the argument, these groups would maybe turn to armed struggle against Moscow.

History On A Forced March

Three years later that prediction was already history. Moscow was no longer a direct player, and armed struggle had escalated to the all-out civil war going on across the water. The nature of the arms

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SHOOT TO VAPORIZE

U.S. Troops Fire-Up Renegade Somali Gunmen

by Dale B. Cooper

"If anyone fires on us, we have orders to vaporize them."

Captain Scott Cauthern
Supercobra pilot
United States Marine Corps
Mogadishu, Somalia

SuperCobras played a crucial role in the opening phases of Operation Restore Hope. As two of the shark-toothed attack helicopters buzzed Mogadishu International Airport's control tower on the first day of operations, the commanding officer of the Special Purpose Marine Air/Ground Task Force paused during his news conference on the roof of the terminal building.

"Those are two of my special effects," Colonel Greg Newbold noted while the Bell AH-1Ws roared by. He was using SuperCobras to scout the flanks of his spearhead maneuver elements that came ashore in Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAVs).

Some 20 Marines were packed like sardines inside each AAV; two dozen of the vehicles quickly moved over a huge sand dune near the beach and fanned out across the airport runway. After crossing the tarmac and rolling up to the terminal building, the Marines dismounted and cleared surrounding buildings of unwanted spectators.

"Get down! Face down!" shouted a young sergeant as his squad rounded up six Somalis hidden in a hangar and forced them to lay spread-eagled on the tarmac. They were released unharmed after it was determined they posed no threat.

The first few hours on the ground in



Huey gunship provides security for Marine truck convoy. Choppers were used extensively during all phases of Operation Restore Hope.
Photo: DoD

Somalia were tense: U.S. troops didn't know what to expect; all they saw were shadows. Yet once the sun rose, tensions subsided and the Marines went about their business of consolidating positions. By midday, AAVs had taken up defensive positions on high ground above the airport so transport planes could begin landing safely.

Two U.S. Air Force C-141 StarLifters soon touched down, bringing a team of air traffic controllers; they would guide a steady stream of military transports and chartered civilian 747s and L-1011s loaded with supplies and Marines from Camp Pendleton, California. In a matter of hours Mogadishu's airport transformed into a hub of activity.

Captain Cauthern and other Knightriders from HMM-164, a composite squadron of SuperCobras and Huey gunships from the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) at Tustin, California, flew cover for CH-53E Super Stallion heavy-lift helicopters and CH-46 Sea Knights from Camp Pendleton; these ferried troops and supplies around the clock from ships in the Indian Ocean.

Later in the day, when LCACs (Landing Craft, Air Cushioned) hauled heavy equipment ashore, Cauthern's bird and three other SuperCobras struck an intimidating pose a few hundred meters above the sand dunes; the noses of their heavily armed gunships pointed toward the hills beyond the airport.

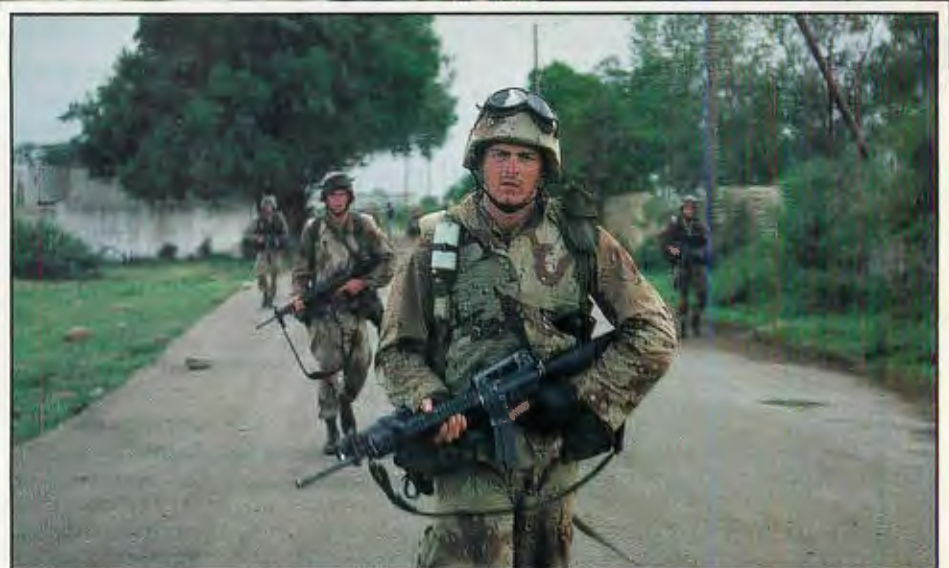
"We came in peace, to make peace," Cauthern said. "But we do it with force. We're the show of force, and if we take any fire we'll suppress it." Each of the SuperCobras carried 2,500 pounds of high explosive ordnance in the form of TOW and Hellfire missiles, 2.75-inch rockets and 20mm cannon rounds.



Some 350,000 people are believed to have died in Somalia in the past year, the vast majority from starvation. Though enough food is entering the country, armed bandits are killing relief workers and interfering with aid distribution.

Although they had orders from Lieutenant Colonel Don Lewis, the commanding officer of HMM-164, to vaporize any hostiles in the hills behind the airport, Cauthern and his squadron mates showed remarkable restraint during their first night in Somalia, and no shots were fired in anger.

This would soon change. Cauthern (call sign Jaguar) was on routine patrol when



Top: Marines patrol Mogadishu's "Green Line," the former no-man's-land of clan factional fighting before U.N.-sponsored accord between warlords. These leathernecks armed with M203s, M249s and LAWs made sure armed clan members kept their distance. Photo: courtesy author

Above: Marine squad patrols Mogadishu neighborhood, where a glut of small arms for bandits contrasts with famine, privation and squalor for society. Danger multiplies for night patrols: Both marines killed in Somalia were hit at night. Photo: courtesy author



Atop AAV, Marine on lookout with M249 SAW rides through southern port city of Kismayu, scene of heavy factional warfare in December. Violence was sporadic after Marines' entry, limited to isolated attacks. Photo: DoD

Marines at the U.S. Embassy and at the port of Mogadishu reported taking possible sniper fire. "They didn't know where it was coming from and requested our presence," Cauthern recalled. Turning night into day, the captain peered into his night-vision goggles; he saw a few rounds fly skyward, but none threatened the SuperCobras.

"Probably just a couple of guys high on *khat*," Cauthern guessed. He and his section leader popped a few illumination flares but couldn't pinpoint where the fire was coming from.

The following day, French Legionnaires opened fire on a truckload of Somalis try-

LAV mounting 7.62mm MAG 58 machine gun escorts relief agency convoy. Warlords' truce in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, prevented most hijacking attempts, though sporadic sniping on motorcades continued. Photo: DoD



Crates of World War II-vintage British .303 No. 1 Mk III Lee-Enfield rifles make up small portion of arms captured during massive 16 January raid on 38 underground bunkers in Afgoi, 45 miles west of Mogadishu. Officials conceded Somali arms merchants possibly shifted best weapons to remote locales. Photo: DoD

ing to run a roadblock around the corner from the Sahafi Hotel, where most journalists, including myself, were staying. I was in my room next to the window when I saw tracers zip by.

The first few bursts sounded like the 9mm submachine guns the French carried, but the tracers I saw came from an M60 mounted on an AAV stationed down the street. Two Somalis were killed and seven others injured when their vehicle went out of control and crashed into a building.

The French commander made no apologies. He said the Somalis tried to run over three Legionnaires. "They opened fire in self-defense," he noted. The one-sided gunfight was brief, but served notice that the French meant business.

Another shooting incident occurred on Saturday afternoon, 12 December, about 25 miles north of the U.S. Embassy. While scouting the road leading north out of Mogadishu toward Bela-Dogle (an abandoned Soviet airfield used as a staging area for Army and Marine operations), Anderson's flight of SuperCobras spotted

a broken-down Soviet T-54 tank blocking a street near the headquarters of General Mohamed Farah Aidid, one of Somalia's two leading warlords. Nearby were a couple of 122mm field artillery pieces, a few armored cars and other equipment.

Captain Paul Denning, an exchange pilot from Great Britain, was flying in the front seat of one gunship. Section leader Capt. D. A. Anderson (better known as "Direct Action" to his squadron mates) was in the back seat.

Looking carefully over the hardware, Denning and Anderson spotted 30 or so Somalis around an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) and a few Toyota pickup trucks mounting 106mm recoilless rifles. "We waved to them at first, but they didn't seem too interested in waving back," Denning said.

Leaning into his up-front weapons sight, Denning saw a muzzle flash just as Anderson came to a hover to check out the vehicles. Then the Brit saw a second flash followed by three or four bursts of small-arms fire. "That was it — we turned and opened fire," Denning recalled.

They fired from point-blank range: 600 meters. The SuperCobra quickly destroyed two of the trucks in the first U.S. military engagement of Operation Restore Hope. Another truck ran into a ditch after being hit by a hail of 20mm cannon fire. "When the dust and smoke cleared, we saw one body on the ground about 10 yards from the vehicles, but he didn't move for a half-hour," Denning said. "We assumed he was dead."

With Anderson's team low on fuel, a second flight of SuperCobras arrived from the helicopter carrier *USS Tripoli*, standing by offshore. This group was fired on by a .50-caliber gunner atop the APC and returned fire with three TOW missiles, but all three missed their targets! Later, a Marine spokesman said the gunships destroyed the APC with 20mm cannon fire.

The roar of rockets and machine gun fire interrupted a staff meeting Marine Lieutenant General Robert Johnston was holding at the U.S. Embassy. As military commander of the joint task force sent to Somalia, Johnston had no trouble telling who was shooting at whom. "Sounds like TOWs to me," he told his staff as the wire-guided missiles shook the ground north of the embassy.

Sitting in his gunship's cockpit a few days later at Baidoa, some 150 miles north-northwest of Mogadishu, Cauthern was at a loss to explain how someone could miss a "chip shot" with a TOW missile, but he noted that his crew wasn't involved.

This action occurred hours after Marines escorted the first food convoy from the port of Mogadishu into the city's congested northern sector. Earlier that day a Huey gunship escorting a group of officers to the embassy was struck in its rotor by at least one round fired by an unknown gunman; no one was wounded.



Marines with M203s safeguard relief workers supplying grain to village outside Baidoa. Before U.S. intervention, aid was often robbers' booty; relief workers were routinely killed. Photo: DoD

Attempting to counter increased sniper fire on U.S. forces, Marine attack helicopters, tanks and ground forces blasted clan positions in northwestern Mogadishu on 7 January 1993. "We hit them with a fire storm," said Marine Major General Charles E. Wilhelm.

SuperCobras, M1 battle tanks and Humvees firing TOW missiles attacked two compounds controlled by the warlord Aidid. The assault by 400 troops was awesome. The gunships used 20mm cannons to lay down suppressing fire, allowing TOW gunners to fire their missiles into

Sprawling refugee camp on Baidoa's outskirts; 70,000 arrived by December, some having trekked 200km to escape factional slaughter and starvation. These unfortunates found no comfort in the "City of the Dead" — until Yanks arrived with food and protection. Photo: courtesy author



the concrete buildings hiding renegade Somalis. One Marine was nicked by "friendly fire," an apparent ricochet, but his flak jacket kept him from being seriously hurt. Marine spokesman Col. Fred Peck said occupants of Aidid's two compounds appeared leaderless, with snipers apparently acting on their own.

The attack lasted about 20 minutes and resulted in the capture of several tanks, anti-aircraft guns and mortars, along with 15 field artillery pieces. At least seven Somali gunmen were killed in the raid; 13 were captured.

During the assault, Aidid was attending a U.N.-sponsored conference with leaders of Somalia's 14 main political groups in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. By the weekend Aidid had reached an accord with rival warlord Ali Mahdi Mohamed (a businessman and hotelier who calls himself "interim president of Somalia") calling for a truce the midnight of 10-11 January. The factions agreed to disarm their militias by 1 March and called for continued international assistance. The question remained whether clan leaders could exercise authority over the numerous armed bandits who had no allegiance to any clan. A national reconciliation meeting was set for March.

Word of the strike on Aidid's arms cache spread quickly. But community response was mostly positive, according to Wilhelm.

By 0700 on 11 January, when 900 Marines swept through Somalia's largest gun market, the Bakara bazaar in Mogadishu, it was obvious Operation Restore Hope had entered a new and potentially dangerous phase.

Backed by four M1 tanks, along with LAV-25s (Light Assault Vehicles armed with 25mm Gatling guns) and three SuperCobra gunships, Marines moved through the open-air market in a daylong raid dubbed "Operation Nutcracker." They

seized a number of recoilless rifles, anti-aircraft guns and a mix of light weapons. The biggest cache was in a furniture warehouse where RPGs, AK-47s and belts of machine-gun ammunition were found hidden among mattresses and toilet seats.

Sixteen trucks were filled with confiscated weapons, including 265 assault rifles and 55 machine guns. Some seized weaponry was obsolete or damaged, leading to speculation that arms merchants might be shifting their best wares to new locations.

Not every Somali who watched the leathernecks take weapons out of the bazaar was happy. A bearded man wearing a flowing Arabic headdress handed a Marine a handwritten note reading: *If you're American, you have no right to take the guns. Thanks for nothing.* Some citizens fear they will become easy prey for the gangs who roam Mogadishu if weapons used for self-protection are taken away.

Marine's First Casualty

Just as Smith Hempstone Jr., U.S. ambassador to Kenya, had predicted to the State Department in a highly classified cable that advised against involvement, acts of violence gradually escalated in Somalia.

In one typical incident, a few Somali gunmen in a Toyota pickup took potshots at a truckload of Marines in a convoy and were surprised when 25 leathernecks opened fire with M16s, SAWs and M60s. The last anyone saw of the Toyota, it was careening off the road — condition of passengers unknown.

Civilians working for relief agencies and involved governments were the first casualties of the Somalia operation. Retired Sergeant Major Larry Freedman was the first American killed. He was, according to a well placed source, attempting to locate and destroy hundreds of TOW and LAW missiles (apparently sold to Somalia by the U.S. government under an old military assistance program) in the hands of a Somali warlord sympathetic to Islamic fundamentalists when his jeep hit an anti-vehicle mine.

As Bush prepared to go to Somalia, destruction of such powerful weapons became imperative. After Freedman's death, a second team located the arms cache and blew it in place.

Not long thereafter a British relief worker was shot in the back in the southern port city of Kismayu. Gunmen in Bardere demanding money killed a Red Cross administrator in his living quarters on 14 January. On 5 February a Red Cross veterinary vehicle struck a mine at Laas Abod, some 500 miles north of Mogadishu; five relief workers were killed in the blast and three others injured. The team had been vaccinating nomads' animal herds.

As hostile actions against Marines increased, an "attitude adjustment" memo-

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The shiny gold deputy's badge on El Oso's collar was amusing, maybe even a little bit cute. But instead of a warm, fuzzy feeling, the slogan on the German shepherd's calling card conveyed nothing but business: "Talk Shit. Get Bit."

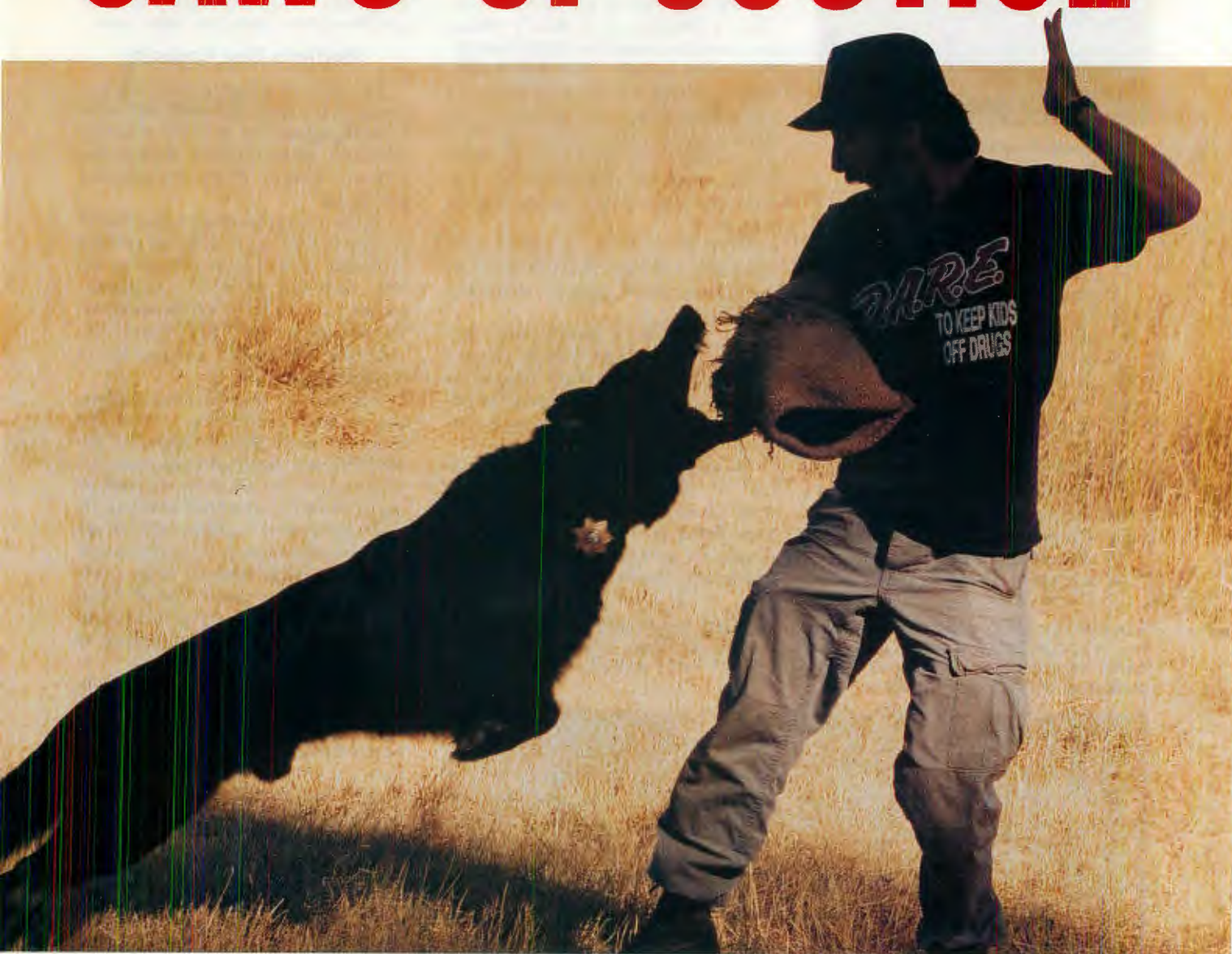
The card described El Oso — Spanish for "The Bear" — as a "subsonic fuzzy cruise missile — AVOT," an acronym for Audio-Visual-Olfactory Tracking.

Crouched on the front porch of a home in Bonner County, Idaho, Oso was in the launch mode. Two human deputies crouched

on either side of Oso, their weapons drawn, ready for a forced entry. Inside, a woman with a history of mental illness had barricaded herself and her son, firing several rounds into the bathroom wall.

Suddenly she charged through the front door, wild-eyed and waving a 9mm pistol in a white-knuckled grip, challenging the deputies to shoot her. Instead, Deputy Bob Narwold gave the dog an order to attack. Ears flat, teeth bared and neck extended, Oso's head, back and tail were in a straight, flat plane indicating launch trajectory.

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Subsonic, fuzzy cruise missile launches an attack as Bob Taylor puts El Oso through his paces at Taylor's training kennel. Photo: Jane Kirkland

Seeing the dog leap, the confused woman threw down the weapon. Realizing the woman was no longer armed, Narwold barked a single German word, ordering the dog to break off the attack in midair. Oso's 100-pound body relaxed and turned sideways, knocking the woman into a wall. Seconds later, she was in handcuffs. She had not been bitten.

Bob Taylor, Oso's trainer, owner and best friend, related the story as an example of the rigid discipline of his canine training program. "I can get my dogs to break off the attack at the last second," Taylor said. "I've had no bad bites. Of all the police

get the idea he's dictating one to you. While his opinions don't always please polite canine community members, his accomplishments are widely acknowledged.

"Taylor is very outspoken in his beliefs, but he's also very competent, one of the best," said Larry McAllister, who handles security dogs at the Department of Energy's secretive complex at Rocky Flats, northwest of Denver. "Bob's dogs are thoroughly trained, very hard fighters. His dogs will not fail you."

Like experts in any field, being respected and being liked don't always go hand in hand. It's not something Taylor loses sleep over. "I like them [dogs] better than people anyway," he said.

Taylor-Made Dogs For Law Enforcement & Personal Defense

by James L. Pate

dogs I've trained in eight years, I've never had an [innocent] citizen bitten."

Taylor trains his dogs not to release a bite if they and their targets fall into water, or if they are sprayed with Mace or a fire extinguisher.

Trained By The Trainee

Oso, an 8-year-old German shepherd and the first dog Taylor ever trained, "taught me more about training dogs than any human being did," Taylor said. "He's certainly taught me more than I've taught him. I would give everything I own to be able to talk with him for an hour."

Oso and Taylor are familiar to many who attended the last two *Soldier Of Fortune* conventions in Las Vegas. Oso was the star performer in Taylor's seminars on the training and use of dogs for law enforcement and private security work. Taylor's canines also assisted in after-hours security in the convention Expo hall, where millions of dollars' worth of weapons and other hardware were on display.

Longtime *SOF* readers may also remember Taylor from the magazine's earliest days for his expertise in other areas: martial arts, electronic warfare, explosives and high-risk security. More recently, he won kudos as co-designer of the late Al Mar's acclaimed Warrior knife [see "Battle Blades," *SOF* Feb. '93].

If you've ever spent any time with Taylor, 42, a small, wiry, talkative man, you don't forget his hyperactive mien and propensity to avoid candy-coated euphemisms in favor of straight-to-the-jaw opinions. Taylor tells it like it is. Or at least as best he knows it. His language is salty but sincere.

What he knows about training dogs could easily fill a book. And if you ever get him started on his favorite subject, you might

Working Dogs, Not Sport Dogs

But Bob's opinions, even though they seem unorthodox compared to widely held contemporary canine-training philosophy, are firmly rooted in the fundamentals developed by undisputed experts in the field. His most-quoted source is Max von Stephanitz, a cavalry captain who developed the modern German shepherd and in 1925 published the seminal work on the breed, *The German Shepherd Dog in Word and Picture*.

Von Stephanitz "begged people on his deathbed not to let the German shepherd become a sport dog. He was breeding it as a working dog and there's a big difference," Taylor said.

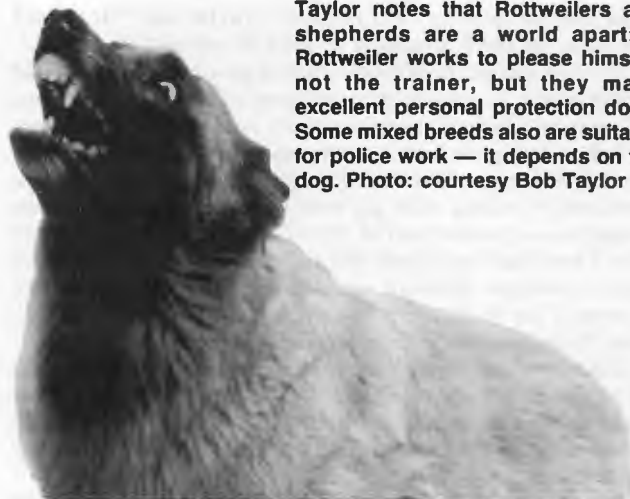
That is the point at which Bob Taylor's training methods differ from those used to train most of the police dogs in the United States, a program known to dog aficionados as *Schutzhund*, German for "security dog."

"Von Stephanitz developed what later became the *Schutzhund* program as a breed-suitability test for German shepherds," Taylor said. "It involves tracking, obedience and protection ... von Stephanitz never intended for it to be a sport. He never intended the German shepherd to be a sport dog."

If Taylor's areas of expertise sound diverse, they are actually a logical extension of his lifelong pursuit of the warrior philosophy. He began studying Okinawan karate at age 10, and is now a third-degree black belt. Volunteering for the U.S. Army at age 17, Taylor qualified as an Airborne Ranger. He began a two-year tour in Vietnam in 1969, first as an Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician, later being assigned to special electronics reconnaissance teams and as a trainer in electronic sensory warfare for MACV-SOG (Military Assistance Command Vietnam—Studies and Observations Group).

Back in "the World," civilian Taylor got his State Department clearance to sell electronic surveillance equipment overseas, a job that took him to Africa, Latin America and other places. It was in Nicaragua in the early 1970s that he met Mike Echanis, with whom he shared a passion for martial arts. Like Echanis, Taylor was outspoken in his beliefs on the subject, a trait he later carried over into other interests, including dog training.

Taylor notes that Rottweilers and shepherds are a world apart: a Rottweiler works to please himself, not the trainer, but they make excellent personal protection dogs. Some mixed breeds also are suitable for police work — it depends on the dog. Photo: courtesy Bob Taylor



"What they were teaching ... was bullshit," Taylor said. "Martial arts in the states is really watered down ... I basically became persona non grata in the martial arts community."

Back in the states again, Taylor became a private investigator specializing in high-risk security for a large California-based firm, a job that put him on the road with such rowdy rock bands as The Who, The Rolling Stones and David Bowie. It was this high-risk security work that led to his interest in working dogs.

"I decided dogs were a good way to go because their sensory capabilities are far beyond that of a human being," he said. "My first dog was a miserable failure. He ran on me. I got jumped and he split. *Hasta la vista, baby!* I got the shit knocked out of me. And [the dog] got shot in the head. By me."

"That's one reason I started training them," Taylor said. "I didn't like what you could buy. Basically, most were Schutzhund-trained dogs from Germany ... Schutzhund in itself is strictly a sport and, as such, I have nothing against it. It's designed to be a sport. It's a little bit more than a dog show. But it's a lousy way to train working dogs."

Taylor sought out highly respected security dog trainers who eschewed the Schutzhund methods. He wound up apprenticing himself to the late Glen R. Johnson of Ontario, Canada, author of *Tracking Dog Theory and Methods*. Johnson's methods are widely used to train working dogs in Canada, and he trained the first gas pipeline dogs used to locate otherwise undetectable leaks.

"Glen Johnson is the one who found out that dogs can smell



Trainee dog "Bear" attacks trainer as he attempts to grab policeman's gun. A properly trained dog can be the best patrol partner a cop can have. Photo: courtesy Bob Taylor

something that science can't measure," Taylor said. "He learned that dogs can smell something as small as one part per trillion."

To demonstrate the principle, Taylor gave me a double-sealed plastic packet containing one-tenth gram of cut cocaine, a canine training aid. I took the sample outside, opened the gas tank door of Robert K. Brown's personal automobile — *Can you imagine those headlines?* — unscrewed the gas cap and stuffed the dope down inside the neck of the gas tank. I was careful not to touch the sample to any exterior part of the car and thus leave an olfactory clue. I went back inside and told Taylor to have at it. He released Kato, a German shepherd recently purchased by Deputy Phil Parham of the Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, Sheriff's Department. Kato found the coke in just over two minutes.

Johnson's training philosophy included such assessment criteria as job-specific and breed-specific selection. The former evaluated exactly what would be required of the dog in a certain job; the latter examined the adaptability of specific character traits of a breed to the mission at hand.

"Rottweilers and German shepherds are a world apart," Taylor

explained. "You try to train a German shepherd like you do a Rottweiler, or vice versa, and you're going to have problems. A Rottweiler does not work to please you, it works to please itself. But German shepherds, like Labrador retrievers, are eager to please you. Labs make excellent scent dogs for explosives, drugs and tracking. But they're piss-poor bite dogs. Rottweilers, though, are excellent protection dogs."

"But the best all-around utilitarian working dog," Taylor said without equivocation, "is the German shepherd."

Johnson taught Taylor a training method called "Narrow Avenue of Escape." A decoy, or "bad guy," wears a small, hidden protective sleeve, as opposed to the large, cumbersome external sleeves used for Schutzhund-trained dogs. Instead of letting himself be caught and bit, the decoy gets in a barricaded location where the dog trainee can find, but not bite him.

"You do that two or three times to build the frustration and attack level of the dog," Taylor said. "It builds attack drive."

Taylor's next mentor was Jean Forster of Medford, Oregon, who provided Taylor with additional instruction in scent work to detect drugs, explosives and people, both alive and dead. Forster, who has 60 years' experience as a dog trainer, is a private consultant whose dogs have been used by the FBI, IRS, U.S. Customs, the Oregon State Police and many other law enforcement agencies. For the past eight years, she has written the Rottweiler column for the *American Kennel Gazette*.

Taylor trains "some of the best working dogs" anywhere,

Forster said when contacted by *SOF*. "He's one of only three trainers that I'll recommend for good law enforcement canine training."

She agreed with Taylor's disapproval of Schutzhund-titled dogs for use in law enforcement and other working security scenarios.

"For law enforcement, you want a dog that will bite only on command, or when the handler is threatened, or when the dog is threatened. The rest of the time, the dog should act like any other normal dog. Ninety percent of the time, when a law enforcement dog goes out on a job, it does not get to bite. Schutzhund-trained dogs are bite-happy and often will not come off when told. You can't call a bullet back," Forster said, "But you should be able to call a dog back."

Taylor said he does not think Schutzhund-trained dogs make good working canines because the training is too routine, and "law enforcement work is never routine. It's always different."

Barking Won't Stop Criminals

Schutzhund-trained dogs "are too programmed," Taylor said. "Generally speaking, they go to the same field with the same decoy and the dog does the exact same thing each and every time, in the daylight. If you vary the routine, it screws up the dog. I know of police departments who paid big money for Schutzhund-trained dogs that were afraid of the dark. It's the training routine. The dog always works on grass or dirt. The bad guy always wears a big protective sleeve and scratch pants."

The Schutzhund commands "hold" and "bark" are good examples. "I refuse to train a dog on those commands, for the same reason I won't carry an unloaded gun," Taylor said. "Not everyone's afraid of dogs. Oso's been hurt twice. Often with 'hold' and 'bark', if the bad guy's not moving, the [Schutzhund] dog won't bite him. You know how dangerous a man is standing still with a weapon? The police say they do it for reasonable force. They do it because some trainer conned them. Because part of the Schutzhund routine is 'hold' and 'bark.'"

"My method is not 'hold' and 'bark'; it's call-off," Taylor

said. "I can get my dog to break off an attack at the last split second ... [Schutzhund] control comes at the end. Ours comes at the beginning. Also, I believe a dog should be treated like any other weapon ... you don't send the dog in unless you're sure of a target, and the dog is ordered to take down the target.

"If a guy's hiding behind a building with a .45 in a Weaver-ready [stance], a Schutzhund dog will run around and bark at him. And when it comes around the corner, it's going to get [killed]. The [Schutzhund] dog may or may not bite him. My dog will take him down.

"We make our dogs bite on stairs, bite on ice, bite in the water," he said. "We take 'em to places they've never been ... I screw with their heads. The dog has to work on demand or he doesn't graduate. We work our dogs in total darkness because I have night vision equipment for training. And there is no reward for biting. The bite itself is the reward.

"A Schutzhund dog is also sleeve-happy," he said. "If you drop a sleeve on a Schutzhund dog, he'll run off with the sleeve. You drop the sleeve on my dog, he spits out the sleeve and rebites."

Only 20 Dogs A Year

Taylor also doesn't like the idea that Schutzhund dogs are pre-trained and then sold, often with a title rated from "1" to "3" indicating its scoring proficiency in Schutzhund competition.

Instead of being trained and then later sold, Taylor trains his canines to order, and only turns out a maximum of 12 to 20 dogs a year, instead of the much larger numbers churned out by Schutzhund programs.

"They come to us as a blank page," Taylor said. "Let's use [SOF contributing editor] John Donovan's dog as an example ... Willy didn't even know obedience. The first thing I did was teach obedience, and then I started protection training. Then John decided he wanted the dog to track."

Unlike almost any other dog trainer, Taylor can teach canines multiple tasks if requested, a real incentive for cost-conscious law enforcement agencies like the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Department. Kato, for instance, was taught to find drugs, to track, to find dead bodies and as an attack dog.

"Most schools feel that the fewer tasks a dog has to do, the better the dog will perform," said McAllister, the DOE dog handler. "But dogs are smarter than we think they are. The fact is, it just takes longer to teach these multiple tasks. The fact that



Top-notch dog trainer Bob Taylor and his best friend, El Oso, at Taylor's Sager, Idaho, training center. Photo: James L. Pate

Taylor offers this is extremely unusual, even more so because he turns out a superior product that's a little bit less expensive than dogs that don't perform as many functions."

"Dogs have much more memory than we give them credit for," Taylor said. "One of Donovan's fears after I'd trained Willy for four months was that the dog would not remember him. But as soon as Willy heard John's voice from inside his crate, he was ecstatic. I spent about another week with John's family, teaching them how to deal with Willy."

Training time "depends on the individual dog," Taylor said. "They're just like people, each one different. In general, it takes about three months with me and the dog, and another month working the dog and handler together."

Willy, a 135-pound German-shepherd-Rottweiler mix, is "the best dog I've owned in my life," Donovan said. "And the dog's personality never changed. He's still the good, friendly animal that left here, a good personality, great around the grandkids. He's an outstanding tracker, tracks at a dead run. You've got to run like hell to keep up with him."

Mutts, Miscreants Need Not Apply

Taylor's multi purpose police canines aren't just sold to anybody; only bona fide agencies and individuals.

"I often run a background check on potential clients because of the possibility of abuse," Taylor said. "Dogs can be beat. People say they can't, but I know they can. And the potential abuses involving narcotics and explosives are obvious. There's a lot of things I won't do because I consider it socially irresponsible. I won't write a book on explosives. I won't teach people how to defeat a drug or explosives dog. I live in this society. Why should I teach people how to screw it up?"

Obviously, Taylor does not recommend that anyone who is interested in a protection dog or police canine buy a Schutzhund-trained animal — unless they are interested in Schutzhund as a competitive demonstration sport. And he has little good to say about most dog breeders and dog trainers.



Taylor (right) demonstrated his trainee's abilities at SOF convention last September and also conducted seminars on K-9 military history and K-9 civilian personal protection. Photo: SOF staff

"Cher left out those two groups of people when she sang that song, 'Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves.' It's a highly unethical business," he said, citing the proliferation of puppy mills and training camps that sell registered dogs with such genetic problems as canine hip dysplasia, or CHD.

Any honest dog breeder should be able to provide a potential buyer with X-ray verification that rules out CHD, and the canine

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UNDER INVESTIGATION: BATF

WIDESPREAD SEXUAL HARASSMENT CHARGED

BY SOF STAFF

Some heads may roll among top-level managers at the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (BATF). In its 10 January broadcast, CBS News' *60 Minutes* documented not only blatant sexual harassment of female BATF agents, but a de facto policy of retribution against those who complained of such harassment. The day after the *60 Minutes* segment aired, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, of which BATF is a part, announced that its Inspector General Donald E. Kirkendall had opened an investigation.

Kirkendall's probe will focus on allegations that routine sexual harassment of female BATF agents has been tolerated by the bureau's top managers and that BATF has engaged in a systematic campaign of retribution against those female agents who made official complaints.

A dozen male and female BATF agents appeared on camera — full face and undisguised — with CBS reporter Mike Wallace in support of three female agents who said they went public as a last resort. The three women described in detail their sexual harassment by colleagues, supervisors and, in one case, a job interviewer. With verification provided by their male and female colleagues, they also told Wallace about the bureaucratic revenge that resulted when they filed complaints about the harassment.

BATF agent Michele Roberts, who became one of the bureau's first female agents some 15 years ago, told Wallace she routinely found "dildos left on my desk ... when I came to work." Roberts added that similar acts of sexual harassment persisted for years, but she was reluctant to complain because she wanted to be accepted by colleagues. Eventually she was forced to file a complaint because of her fear of a former agent whose sexual advances she repeatedly spurned.

When it was clear Roberts would not respond to sexual advances from former BATF agent Patrick Hourihan, he allegedly threatened her, threw objects at her and began following her and sitting outside her apartment in a parked car, eventually compelling her to move. Hourihan,

who apparently resigned his BATF job after CBS began its investigation, denied to *60 Minutes* that he ever harassed Roberts in any manner.

BATF agent Bob Hoffman described to Wallace "a pattern of sexual harassment at ATF" and systematic retribution against anyone who complained. Hoffman went on to say he is now a target of retribution from bureau heads because he went on record verifying Roberts' complaint. Hoffman blamed BATF Director Stephen Higgins and the bureau's top management for allowing such an atmosphere to continue.

"In my career with ATF, the people that I put in jail have more honor than the top administration in this organization," Hoffman said on camera. "I know it's a sad commentary, but that's my experience with the ATF."

During the same broadcast, BATF agent Sandra Hernandez accused agent John Gamboa of "continuously" putting his arms around her, kissing her and fondling her at work, and of repeatedly saying how much he was attracted by her looks. "A lot of people saw it," she told Wallace, "... he told a lot of people that I was having an affair with him."

Like Roberts, Hernandez was reluctant to file a grievance. She told Wallace she did not file an official complaint for two-and-a-half years because of her fear that she would be punished. But her patience ran out. After Hernandez filed her sexual harassment complaint against Gamboa, she was demoted to file clerk and transferred to another city.

Like Hourihan, Gamboa refused to go on camera and denied the allegations.

Another female BATF agent, Sandra E. Davis, told Wallace she experienced sexual harassment at her first job interview with BATF. Agent Manny Gonzalez scheduled the interview for a hotel where he was staying. As instructed, Davis said she went up to his room. Gonzalez "tried to interrogate and intimidate me into bed," she said on the CBS broadcast. "He asked me, 'Do you want to sleep with me?' ... I left. I was upset."

When Wallace asked an assembled group of male and female BATF agents who they think is the "chief culprit" in allowing the situation to get so bad, one female agent who was not identified by name said it was Stephen Higgins, BATF's director for the past decade. A male agent sitting nearby agreed, saying, "Higgins is definitely the man."

Wallace said Higgins did not want to be interviewed for *60 Minutes*, but agreed to talk after repeated requests. In the broadcast, Wallace played videotape for Higgins of what several agents had said about sexual harassment within BATF ranks, including agent Roberts describing her experiences.

When Higgins pulled the bureaucratic ploy of declining to discuss Roberts' case because of the Privacy Act, telling Wallace he would need a signed waiver from Roberts to do so, Wallace was ready. A master of the ambush interview, Wallace coolly pulled from his coat pocket and read to Higgins a notarized statement signed by Roberts in which she granted permission to Higgins "to discuss my case with and only with *60 Minutes*."

Higgins responded by telling Wallace that ATF had "a very low number of sexual harassment complaints" filed. The next day, a bureau spokesman told *The New York Times* that six sexual harassment complaints had been filed in the last five years.

Higgins told Wallace that the perception by many agents that they would be retaliated against for filing a harassment complaint was unfounded. When Higgins claimed that "strong action" was taken against any BATF employee who undertook acts of retribution against another agent for filing a complaint, Wallace asked him to cite one example of such a case. Higgins was unable to do so.

"There are serious questions concerning both the allegations made on the program and the truthfulness of what *60 Minutes* portrayed that will be best reviewed by investigators who are not part of our agency," Higgins was quoted as saying in the *Times* of 12 January.

This response failed to address the issue and was merely "a very poor effort to divert attention away from bad publicity," according to Robert F. Harris, a staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs who has spent years investigating allegations of sexual and racial harassment within federal agencies.

In a telephone interview with *Soldier Of Fortune*, Harris said it is a typical practice at BATF for agents who filed complaints of sexual harassment or racial bias to be "suddenly found retroactively incompetent. Like other bureaucracies with similar problems, ATF has set up a system to protect managers and their supervisors, not the people making the complaints." ❧

THE LAST KALASHNIKOV?

Romanian AKS-74 High-Water Mark Of AK Series

**Text & Photos
by Peter G. Kokalis**

SOP Contributing Editor Peter G. Kokalis with what may well be one of the final forms of the Kalashnikov series, a Romanian AKS-74 variant, during a recent test and evaluation in South Africa.
Photo: Gerard Dreyer

More than 50 million Kalashnikovs have been manufactured and fielded in one form or another. While they are not above justifiable criticism, AKs are, if nothing else, exceptionally robust and reliable.

I have personally encountered Kalashnikov-type assault rifles from El Salvador to Angola and was recently presented with an opportunity in South Africa to examine and test-fire a caliber 5.45x39mm Romanian AKS-74. I found it to be a decided improvement over the original Soviet AK-74.

The Romanian AKS-74, like all Kalashnikovs, is a selective-fire, gas-operated assault rifle that fires from the closed-bolt position. Locking is by means of a rotary bolt which rotates 35 degrees to lock or unlock. The trigger mechanism is based upon that of the U.S. M1 Garand rifle.

It has all of the defects of the Kalashnikov design. The selector lever is objectionably noisy; removing and inserting magazines is somewhat cumbersome. The trigger pull is horrible. The rear sight has an open U-notch instead of a more desirable peep aperture. Accuracy potential is, at best, mediocre by U.S. standards.

Like the East German caliber 7.62x39mm MPiKMS-72 and caliber 5.45x39mm MPiAKS-74N rifles, the Romanian AKS-74 is equipped with a single-strut steel buttstock which is hinged at the rear and swings against the right side of the receiver. However, the buttstock strut on the Romanian AKS-74 is down-swept somewhat more than those of the East German series. More important, the stocks' latching systems are different.

To fold the Romanian buttstock, you must press forward on a spring-loaded steel button with concentric rings, located at the rear of the receiver. The East German stock is folded by pressing down on a checkered, spring-loaded lever. The Romanian mechanism is less prone to accidental release of the folding mechanism. However, both of these single-strut stocks are excellent and provide a stable firing platform for the operator. They are superior even to the excellent side-folding stock found on the Russian AKS-74.

Four selector lever positions on the Romanian AKS-74 include (from top to bottom) "safe," full auto (the infinity symbol: a sideways "8" in a circle), semiauto ("1" in a circle) and three-shot burst ("3" in a circle).



Romanian AKS-74 rifle used in *SOF's* test and evaluation was manufactured in 1988 by Rom-Tecknika.

Some of the Soviet AK-74's salient features have been retained. The Russian caliber 5.45x39mm extractor was re-engineered for even greater strength and reliability than that of the caliber 7.62x39mm AK-47/AKM series. It appears on this Romanian variant.

Romanian army Kalashnikovs are equipped with laminated-wood lower forearms which have a distinctive vertical grip. While the vertical-grip lower forearm provides a secure hold for the support hand when firing in the full-auto mode, it is a decided hindrance when changing magazines. Kalashnikov magazines must be rocked forward when they are removed or inserted. They will invariably strike against this laminated-wood vertical grip whenever this is done rapidly.

Most of the Romanian AKMs used by the contras in Nicaragua had the vertical grip portion of the lower forearm crudely sawed off. The Romanian AKS-74 *Soldier Of Fortune* tested was apparently an export model as the lower handguard, while fabricated from laminated wood, had no vertical grip and had a hand swell on each side in the Russian manner. It

was manufactured in 1988 by Rom-Tecknika.

Elevation intervals on the rear sight assembly are 100-meter increments, from 100 to 1,000 meters (a cruel joke in this caliber). The 300-meter battle sight setting is marked "P" and the rear sight is an open U-notch. The usual protected front-sight post is adjustable for both windage and elevation zero.

The AK-74's muzzle brake — a sophisticated application of the first and second laws of thermodynamics — is also present, albeit somewhat simplified. It is threaded onto the barrel's muzzle and held in place by a spring-loaded button; it is easily removed. The major portion of the brake consists of a large 20mm-long expansion chamber. Three vent holes (each 2.8mm in diameter) have been drilled into the rear end of the chamber, one to the right and two toward the top. This positioning of the holes inhibits muzzle climb



Orange-colored pistol grip is made of an injection-molded reinforced synthetic.

upward and to the right when the rifle is fired by a right-handed shooter, and deflects gases sideways, preventing backblast from reaching the operator.

Two large vertical cuts (or ports) have been made at the forward end of the brakes on each side, and are offset toward upper dead center to further drive the muzzle downward. A small zigzag slot at the rear face of each of the vertical cuts (supposedly designed to divert gases forward at a 25-degree angle, so as to increase recoil reduction and inhibit side blast), which is found on both the Soviet and East German versions of this muzzle brake, has been omitted. Finally, a flat plate (open at the center for passage of the projectile) deflects the gases and produces a forward thrust.

It has been reported that there are at least three different variants of the Soviet AK-74 muzzle brake and two different versions of the East German MPiAKS-74N muzzle brake. Overall length of the Romanian AKS-74 muzzle brake is 85.5mm as compared to 83.5mm for one version of the East German brake that I have access to. At its widest point, the Romanian muzzle brake measures



Ratchet-type, three-shot burst mechanism is coupled to the trigger group and mounted to the left interior receiver wall.

24.95mm in diameter, while the East German variant is decidedly larger at 27.35mm.

All of this is quite effective in controlling both muzzle jump during burst-fire and perceived recoil. As usual, however, there's no free lunch. Muzzle climb is moderated at the expense of side blast, which is horrendous, and of the flash signature, which is not something I would want to be behind during a contact at night. Position disclosure is further compromised by empty case ejection, which is violent. Empty cases most frequently land an incredible 60 or more feet to the right of the shooter.

Both the orange-colored pistol grip and reddish-brown upper handguard (wrapped around the gas cylinder) appear to be made of an injection-molded reinforced synthetic.

All of the steel components, except the trigger mechanism and the hard-chromed piston, have been finished with a baked semigloss black enamel over phosphate.

This includes the 30-round magazine, which has a stamped sheet-metal body instead of a plastic body as found on the Russian AK-74. Because the 5.45x39mm cartridge case has less taper than the 7.62x39mm case, magazines for the former round require less curvature.

There are other, far more significant, differences between the Romanian AKS-74 and the Russian AK-74 series. For instance, taking a tip from the Galil/R4 rifles, the Romanian AKS-74's retracting handle — an integral component of the milled bolt-carrier forging — is now swept upward at a 45-degree angle to permit cocking with either hand.

Even more important, the Romanian AKS-74 has a ratchet-type, three-shot burst mechanism coupled to the trigger group and mounted to the left interior receiver wall, that permits both three-shot bursts and unrestricted full-auto fire. Starting from the top and rotating downward, the four selector lever positions are "safe," full auto (the infinity symbol: a sideways "8" in a circle), semiauto ("1" in a circle) and three-shot burst ("3" in a circle). Another interesting feature is a scope rail

mounted to the left side of the stamped and riveted sheet-metal receiver, just above the trigger and the paddle-type magazine catch/release. Unlike the East German Kalashnikov scope rail, the Romanian rail will accept Soviet optical devices such as the Dragunov's PSO-1 scope (which is, however, calibrated for the trajectory of

the 7.62x54R cartridge) and various night-vision equipment.

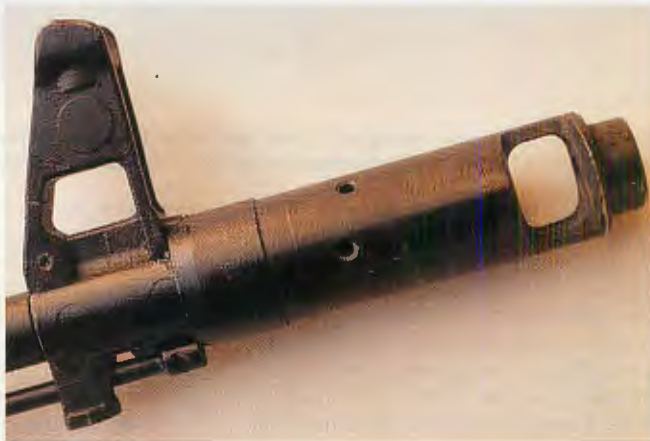
Be advised, however, that the 5.45x39mm cartridge is not any more effective than the Vietnam-era caliber 5.45x45mm U.S. M193 round. The 54-grain boat-tail projectile has a gilding-metal-clad steel jacket. Its unhardened, flat-tip steel core is covered by a lead sleeve that does not fill the entire interior of the jacket, leaving a hollow cavity inside the nose.

Soldier Of Fortune analyzed one round of Romanian

manufacture in this caliber (headstamped "323 88"). The gray lacquered steel case was two-hole, Berdan-primed with a dark red case-mouth sealant and primer. It contained 22 grains, nominal, of a flattened, spherical ball propellant.

Muzzle velocity of this cartridge is approximately 3,050 feet per second. With one peculiar exception, the 5.45x39mm bullet exhibits no more, or less, than the usual performance characteristics expected from a non-deforming Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) military bullet.

There is no deformation or fragmentation. There is a rather typical bi-lobe yaw cycle, with the bullet ending its travel base-forward. Yaw commences after only about 3 inches of penetration in living tissue. This will increase the tissue disruption, even in many extremity hits on the arms or legs.



AK-74-type muzzle brake is quite effective in controlling muzzle jump during burst fire, but the trade-offs are a horrendous side blast and an objectionable flash signature.



Romanian AKS-74 has a scope rail mounted to the left side of its stamped and riveted sheet-metal receiver.



Reddish-brown upper handguard (wrapped around the gas cylinder) is made of an injection-molded reinforced synthetic. The lower handguard is fabricated from laminated wood and has a hand swell on each side, in the Russian manner.

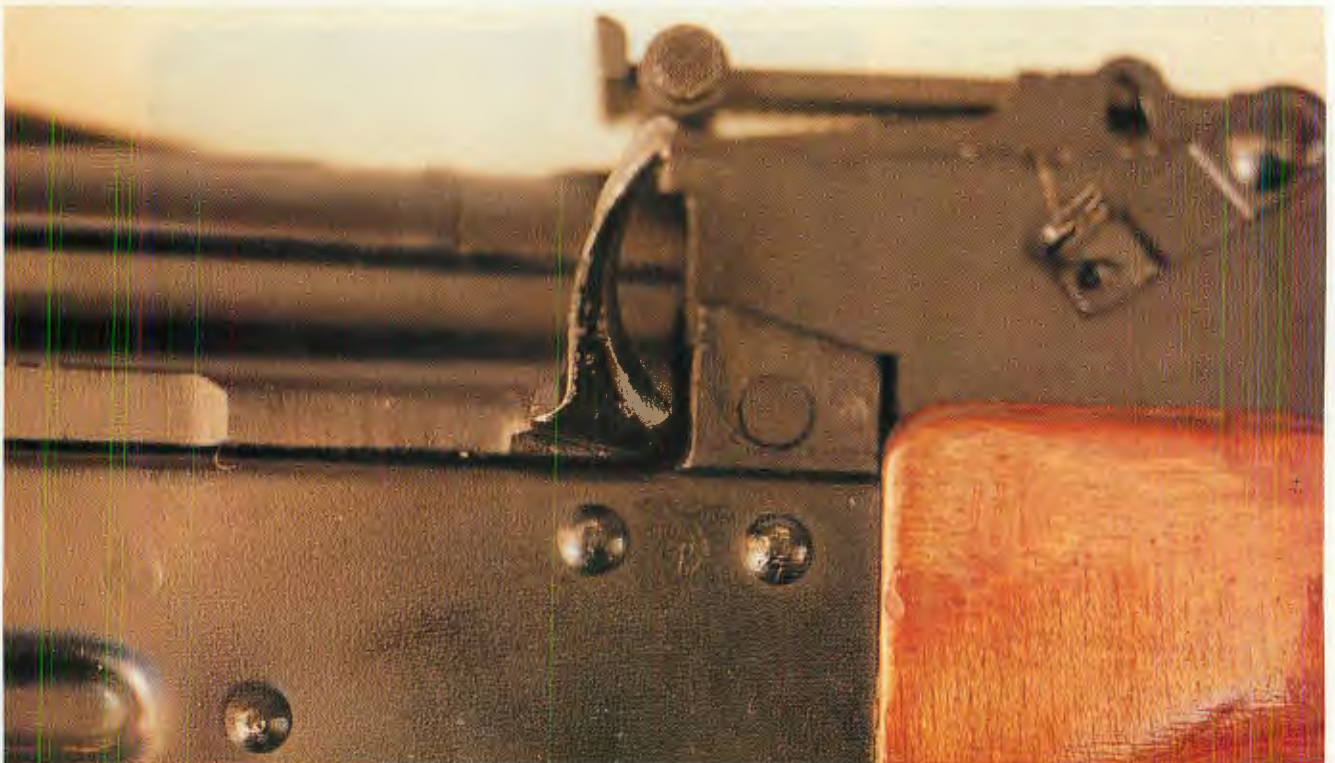
In all tests performed, the angle of this bullet's long axis after it came to rest in the tissue simulant showed a change in direction of between 80 and 90 degrees. Curvature of a boattail FMJ bullet's path is not uncommon, but always sporadic and generally no more than 45 degrees. In this instance, it appears to be a function of the bullet's asymmetrical and unbalanced con-

figuration, as the long, tapered point is almost twice the length of the bearing surface. Curious, but the results are less than awesome. This bullet will usually penetrate slightly more than 20 inches of soft tissue.

Altogether, the Romanian AKS-74 rifle seems to have carried the Kalashnikov series to its highest attainable level. Is it

the last of the Kalashnikovs? Rumors have it that the Kalashnikov rifle will be replaced soon in Russia. I doubt that. There are millions in inventory, and Russia is faced with far more pressing economic matters than providing a new infantry rifle for its retrograde army. ☞

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traditional assumption that Hiss had been framed, but through extensive international research and interviews he found facts to the contrary and so wrote — and his credentials made *Perjury* the definitive book on the Hiss case.

How reliable was the information the RIS gave Volkogonov? The chief of the RIS press bureau, Yuri Kobaladze, attended a briefing at the National Press Club last 24 June to announce a deal whereby Crown Publishing Group would do a series of books based on old KGB archives. One book will deal with Soviet disinformation in the West.

I asked Kobaladze whether the books would "name names" of Westerners who worked for Soviet spy agencies. "No," he said flatly. Given this statement of RIS policy, why should the RIS be expected to name Hiss?

How reliable was Lowenthal, who the Times used as its primary source? In a journalistic sense, the *Times'* gravest error was in not doing its own reporting. Instead the *Times* relied on information relayed through Lowenthal, whom it identified as a "filmmaker and researcher with a long interest in the Hiss case." Accurate, but grossly incomplete. Lowenthal is a former Hiss attorney; his 1980 film on the Hiss case was a zealot's brief for innocence — what in another era would have been called "agitprop." But the *Times* left the impression that Lowenthal was an objective researcher.

A Flustered General

By happenstance, the opportunity arose to ask those questions of Volkogonov on 11 November, when he testified in Washington before the Senate Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. Volkogonov has been tasked with examining old Soviet archives to see if he can find traces of Americans said to have disappeared from four wars. The committee chairman, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., asked how Volkogonov was faring in the GRU files.

Initially, Volkogonov said, he had "problems" until a new leadership ordered that he get the POW/MIA materials he needed. The main problem, he continued, was disorganization of GRU files. "You will never find a single file folder labeled 'Information About POWs,'" Volkogonov observed.

The general explained that the material is scattered through such sections as "foreign affairs," requiring almost a folder-by-folder search. "You must go through a number of documents page by page ... literally hundreds of thousands of documents," Volkogonov said. This would take "many weeks' work."

After Volkogonov finished testifying, I confronted him in company with Herbert

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Romerstein, a Soviet espionage specialist who formerly worked for the House Committee on Un-American Activities and for the U.S. Information Service. The circumstances were not ideal. We posed questions first through Major General Bernard Loeffler, head of the Pentagon's POW Task Force, who is fluent in Russian, then through the interpreter accompanying Volkogonov.

Volkogonov understands English; frequently he would begin his answer in Russian without waiting for the interpreter to translate for him. He seemed oblivious to the interpreter's attempts to keep up with his rapid-fire speech. The ubiquitous Lowenthal hovered with a camera crew, holding a microphone in front of Volkogonov's face.

I asked Volkogonov what files had been examined on his behalf. "I received special permission to examine all archives on foreign intelligence espionage for the '30s and '40s, which covered all agencies of Soviet intelligence," he said. "I did not find a single document telling the fact that Alger Hiss was a Soviet agent." He repeated his earlier statements to Lowenthal that the archives contained information Hiss gave the Soviets during normal diplomatic channels while he was at the State Department and while detailed to the United Nations.

Romerstein and I pressed Volkogonov on whether this material was in foreign

ministry files or in KGB files on "foreign intelligence espionage." He would not answer directly. Nor would he say whether he had seen materials from the GRU or papers given him by the KGB's successor, the RIS. After several minutes Volkogonov seemed uncomfortable. He kept insisting that he had seen "all files."

Romerstein tried a different tack. He reminded Volkogonov that Chambers had written and testified repeatedly that he passed materials gathered by Hiss to Moscow via the Comintern. Given the importance of the Comintern in the Hiss case, had Volkogonov sought out its archives during his search?

"I have not seen these documents," Volkogonov replied. "I have not had the opportunity to see these documents ... only foreign intelligence archives in Russia which contained information on agents." He clearly did not enjoy being pressed for specifics. Twice he went into declarations about Hiss being a "victim of McCarthyism," with Lowenthal nodding his approval.

But Volkogonov did waver slightly when pressed on the Comintern archives. "I definitely will take a look at that," he said. Romerstein and I asked what reading Volkogonov had done about the massive evidentiary record in the Hiss case. He chose not to answer. Nor would he agree to an interview in a more formal setting. His handlers quickly hustled him away.

But the first chink — and a major one — had been driven into the "Hiss Exonerated" story. Romerstein wrote about the confrontation in *Human Events*; I described it in the *AIM Report* and in the newspaper column I write with AIM Chairman Reed Irvine. But the mass media continued to treat Hiss' "innocence" as a given. *The New Yorker* magazine ran a long piece by staff member Tony Hiss, son of Alger Hiss, gloating over "proof" that his daddy hadn't been a spy after all.

Alger himself was interviewed over National Public Radio on a program called *Fresh Air* originating in Philadelphia. He spent several minutes denouncing the *AIM Report*. Concurrently, AIM wrote letters to *Times* publisher Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr. and news editor William Borders urging that the paper's Moscow bureau interview Volkogonov about exactly what he had done.

Unbeknownst to Hiss and his son, Volkogonov was about to back away from the "exoneration" story in grand fashion.

The General Recants

On 24 November — less than two weeks after our Washington confrontation — Volkogonov published a letter in the Moscow newspaper *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* admitting the incompleteness of his research. He wrote: *This year I received several fax appeals from Alger Hiss and his lawyer asking for help in elucidating*

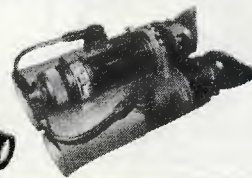
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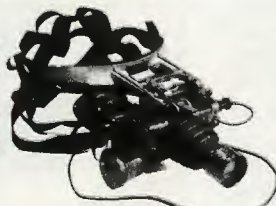
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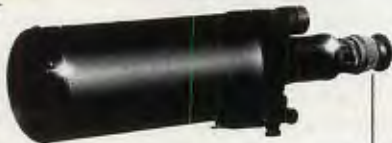
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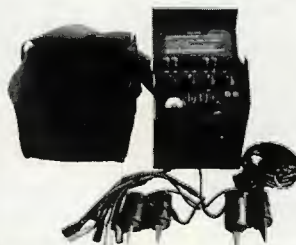
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whether this person acted as an agent of Soviet special services in the 1930s and 1940s. Of course, I sent them to the foreign intelligence agency. But the requests continued.

When I found out that Hiss was 88 years old and that he only wanted to die peacefully without being branded a 'spy,' I telephoned [Gen. Yevgeny] Primakov [chief of the RIS]. He reasonably said that they give out no information about who or who is not a spy. However, he agreed to help me determine the truth of the matter. In due course, Volkogonov wrote that RIS reported "Hiss is not registered in the documents as a recruited agent."

Volkogonov continued: *As to whether A. Hiss was or was not a 'spy,' I can render judgment only as a historian. The more so as, as far as I know, the agency in which those documents from the 1950s were reviewed was not the only one which was involved in intelligence. Furthermore, there are not guarantees that they all survived.*

A translation of the letter was published on 3 December by the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service in a daily report available to news writers in Washington. So finally *The New York Times* stirred into action. On 17 December the paper ran a story by Moscow correspondent Serge Schmemmann confirming what Volkogonov had admitted in Wash-

ington and repeated in his published letter — that his research was incomplete.

Volkogonov told Schmemmann: "I was not properly understood. The Ministry of Defense also has an intelligence service [the GRU] which is totally different, and many documents have been destroyed. I only looked through what the KGB had. All I said was that I saw no evidence."

He continued, "What I saw gives no basis to claim a full clarification. There's no guarantee that it was not destroyed, that it was in other channels. This was only my personal opinion as a historian. I never met him [Hiss] and honestly I was a bit taken aback. His attorney, Lowenthal, pushed me hard to say things of which I was not fully convinced."

As noted, this turnabout was published in the *Times* on 17 December. As of mid-January, Volkogonov's retraction had not been aired on any of the four major television networks, nor reported in *The Washington Post* or *USA Today*. *The Los Angeles Times*, which ran two front-page stories on the "exoneration," reported the correction in a 220-word Associated Press story on page 16.

Volkogonov's recantation won't hush leftists. *The Nation's* editor Victor Navasky claimed in his publication's 4-11 January issue that former President Richard Nixon used an op-ed piece in the *Times* to persuade Russian President Boris Yeltsin to force Volkogonov to change his story

(Navasky sounded serious in advancing this weird thesis. Poor fellow.).

In reporting the 11 November confrontation with Volkogonov, AIM cautioned leftists not to uncork their champagne prematurely. Now *The New York Times* has belatedly confirmed what we stated — the "Hiss exoneration" is a story as flat as stale champagne.

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According to Kaplan, when she first saw one of the instructors perform a reverse-180, she nearly threw in the towel. "There's no way I'm gonna be able to do that," she told a fellow student. Ironically, she and Karen Webb, wife of a Hollywood producer, out-drove all of the men in the course, including a former Delta operator. Using the skills she acquired in Fayetteville, Kaplan says she was recently able to avoid a serious traffic accident.

Feeney says Kaplan's case is not unusual and that many of his students have used their defensive/evasive driving training to escape normal driving hazards. "I get phone calls thanking me all the time," he says. "Just the other day a guy who went through the driving course called me at home at 2 a.m. from India to tell me that the training had saved his life. He had just managed to avoid a massive car wreck and felt he owed us his life."

Other former students, companies and government agencies have also found their CTU training invaluable. A Colombian company called CTU not long ago to thank them for what their employees had been taught. Using the countersurveillance techniques imparted by CTU's instructors, they had been able to identify surveillance on one of their locations by a terrorist group.

CTU offers three SWAT programs, each involving 40 hours of training. The first course is essentially an introductory

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or basic program; it is followed by an intermediate and advanced training regimen. Unlike 10 or 15 years ago, when most police SWAT team members were Vietnam veterans, today many SWAT officers have little or no military training and therefore must learn SWAT skills from scratch.

The course outline for CTU's SWAT I program of instruction is as follows:

Team Organization/Assault Process (3.0 Hours): Assault force organization, operations order, organization and planning of the assault.

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Room Clearing: (5.0 Hours): Two-, three- and six-man team techniques, multi-room entries, hand and arm signals.

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Assault (7.0 Hours): A hands-on assault. Instructor controlled and critiqued.

The more advanced SWAT courses increase the level of difficulty during the exercises, focusing on multiple room entries, multiple building entries, diversions, zones of fire and multiple targets. Some exercises are live-fire, and more instruction is devoted to Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) considerations. If desired by the client agency, exercises can be oriented to "taking down" specific targets of interest, such as aircraft, boats or buses.

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Like other organizations who often put mission before profit, despite all they have accomplished, CTU continues to struggle financially. Only recently they emerged from reorganization. According to Judy, "I feel good about CTU. I feel good about who we are and what we've done. The fact that we've come this far and lasted this long is proof of our success, but I also believe there's still a lot to be done."

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parents should be registered with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, or OFA, in Columbia, Missouri. But Taylor cautions potential buyers to have their own X-rays made. "X-rays are easily substituted, especially for animals," he said.

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James L. Pate is a former SOF associate editor and now a freelance writer. ✕

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randum was issued from Wilhelm. "If we are not careful," the general's memo noted, "we will start thinking that we're at war, and we may forget that our mission here is one of peace and humanitarian assistance."

As in the Gulf War, leaflets were dropped from C-130s over Somalia, warning locals what would happen if shots were fired at U.S. forces. Some 140,000 of these leaflets were dropped in the first month of operations.

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On 10 January there were a half-dozen sniping incidents against U.S. forces, including a failed ambush attempt just outside the U.S. Embassy. After being warned by a sentry in the darkness, Marines killed three Somalis. On the same day, seven visiting U.S. congressmen had sniper rounds fired their way. No Americans were injured in these incidents, but this was soon to change.

A 21-year-old Marine from Elizabeth, New Jersey, became the first American serviceman killed in Somalia when his patrol was ambushed by gunmen near Mogadishu's airport on 12 January. Private First Class Domingo Arroyo was a member of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, from Twentynine Palms, California.

"It was a fierce firefight," a Marine spokesman explained, "as several Somali gunmen opened fire on the 11-man night patrol." After pulling his fellow Marines back to a rallying point, the squad leader radioed for reinforcements, then a head count showed one Marine missing. A sweep of the area revealed Arroyo's body.

A U.S. Navy corpsman was wounded on 13 January when the Marine patrol he accompanied came under sniper fire near Mogadishu's old soccer stadium, where some 1,000 Marines billeted. However,

no new rules of engagement were needed to deal with such incidents. Wilhelm used the attacks to send a message to Somalis. "If any Somali moves his weapons one millimeter toward a Marine, the Marine can kill him," the general announced.

Later that day, a Marine unit killed a Somali who threatened them with a machine gun during a building sweep. Although commanders judged the shooting valid, orders for the unit to apologize to the Somali's widow were issued and obeyed.

Second Marine KIA

A second Marine was shot to death on 25 January while on patrol in Mogadishu. Lance Corporal Anthony Botello, 21, of Wilburton, Oklahoma, had volunteered to walk point looking for snipers. "Let's get this one done tonight. Let's come back," the squad leader recalled "Bo" saying.

It was a moonless night. The 20-man patrol stopped for a security check, then headed down a path lined with huts. They soon heard what sounded like a gate being opened. "We heard the latch lift up, and we knew something was up," Cpl. Bill Lamb was quoted later. The corporal had stood just behind Botello.

Using night-vision goggles, Lamb observed a figure step out onto the trail, speaking as if giving orders. Suddenly Lamb and the others heard two rifles being cocked, but no weapons were seen. "We didn't want to shoot until we knew

this person had a gun," the corporal told the press.

Lamb then saw a Somali raise a rifle and draw a bead on Botello from some 15 feet away. Lamb fired, but it was too late to save Botello. "All hell broke loose," Lamb said. "Everybody started shooting." One sniper fired tracer rounds from a rooftop. Botello was hit in the arm by a round that passed on through his armpit and lodged in his chest.

Witnesses remember Botello screaming three times. The Marines were ordered to pull back and make room for machine gunners to advance and lay down heavy fire on the Somali attackers. However, LCpl. Michael Soman and Pfc. James Allison crawled up to Botello. The wounded corporal was quickly carried back to the rear.

"He had a hold of my sleeve," Soman told reporters. "He knew that we were there and we were bringing him out." An hour later, Botello of C Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, was dead. Botello had entered Marine boot camp one week after others in the 1/7 helped defeat the Iraqi army in Operation Desert Storm.

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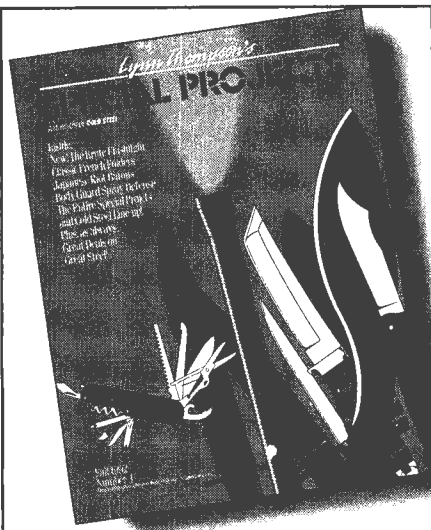
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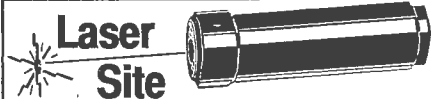
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Despite increasing acts of violence against U.S. forces, Somalia did not become a "killing ground" for Marines. As commander, Lt. Gen. Johnston was determined that Mogadishu would not become another Beirut; he had served there a decade earlier. "I am most encouraged by the rules of engagement, which I am confident will give our Marines and soldiers the ability to defend themselves under almost any circumstance," he told the press.

Bugs More Deadly Than Bullets

Somalia is *still* a very dangerous place to be, but the chance of being felled by a "bug" is greater than being dropped by a bullet. David Knapp, a Navy chief and preventive medicine technician, told troops that if there is a disease in the world, it's in Somalia.

A deadly menu of 70 infectious diseases caused troops to religiously pop malaria pills, bathe in insect repellent and avoid local food and water like the plague. While some 350,000 Somalis have died from disease, famine and factional fighting in the past year, U.S. troops are healthier in Somalia than they were in the Gulf War.

"Either we're lucky, or somebody did something right," observed Navy Lieutenant Commander Allan Hammer, head of the preventive medicine contingent. Less than 1% of U.S. military personnel in Somalia suffered from diarrhea, compared with 10% in Saudi Arabia. Only one Marine came down with malaria in a nation where mosquitoes also carry such exotic maladies as Rift Valley fever, Chikungunya fever and O'nyong-nyong fever.

Unlike Saudi Arabia, locally grown food was not available in Somalia; only Meals, Ready to Eat. Despised by most Marines, MREs were a blessing in disguise. Since the contents were individually wrapped in plastic-coated foil, even troops with dirty hands could eat MREs without contamination, provided they kept their hands on the protective pouches and didn't touch the food.

U.N. Foot-dragging

On 15 January, Johnston pronounced seven of eight regions under his command as secure enough for U.N. control. Some 24,500 American troops and 10,000 from other nations were in-country, yet no concrete plans had come forth on shifting overall command of the operation. One day later, Somali citizens led U.S. forces to a huge store of arms and ammunition hidden in bunkers: more than 1,000 tons of hardware. A Marine spokesman called it "the mother lode of arms caches."

U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley accused the United Nations of "dragging its feet" on 27 January. It was clear the U.S.-targeted date for U.N. assumption of authority would not be met by 1 February, though U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-

Ghali insisted negotiations were ongoing. The U.N. special envoy to Somalia is Ismat Kittani, an Iraqi.

As this went to press, the flow of U.S. troops to Somalia was being reversed.

Before cleaning out his desk at the Pentagon, outgoing Defense Secretary Richard Cheney said the United States wouldn't need as many troops in Somalia as he first estimated; only 24,000 instead of the 28,000 President Bush originally planned to deploy.

On the eve of Bill Clinton's inauguration as president, some 850 troops from 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, began redeployment, heading home to Camp Pendleton. But Johnston noted no further withdrawals were expected until the U.N. Security Council approved transfer of controls to U.N. peacekeepers. A U.N. spokesman on 19 January said the world body would take over control in Somalia only gradually.

One good sign is that foreign cooperation is becoming increasingly visible (including from Italy, which did not contribute forces to the Gulf War). The Marines were joined by two French airborne companies, one patrolling areas in Mogadishu and the other moving to Baardharre.

Saudi Arabia and Morocco conducted security sweeps in Mogadishu, while a Canadian airborne battle group settled in at Bela-Dogle. The Belgians had a parachute infantry company in the southern port city of Kismayu, scene of heavy fighting in early December. Italians were in Mogadishu, as were advance parties from Australia, Germany, Botswana, Turkey, Kuwait and Jordan. A 500-man Pakistani force of U.N. peacekeepers had been in Somalia prior to the U.S. deployment. It looks like the end of large-scale U.S. military involvement may be in sight. Whether the U.N. troops can keep the peace remains to be seen.

Dale B. Cooper provided firsthand coverage of the Persian Gulf War for SOF along with a series of after-action reports. Cooper spent three weeks on the ground in Somalia; this is his second feature on Operation Restore Hope.

HOLY WARRIORS

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flow had changed too. It was now a two-way affair and, in many cases, a straight business transaction. The shipping of weapons north was now paralleled by a stream of Tadjikistanis coming south, interested in either gifts of weapons from sympathetic muj commanders or, failing that, they were ready to buy for hard cash. Nor were the buyers necessarily all Islamists: communist supporters, so-called Kulyabis from the southern communist stronghold of Kulyab, were also crossing into Afghani-

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stan with cash in their pockets to buy rifles, rocket-launchers, even recoilless rifles.

But Aka was already busy cracking down on the arms bazaar. He'd stepped-up patrols around Sher Khan Bandar, re-activated old posts and built new ones. The smugglers picked up were handed straight over to the tender mercies of the CIS (read Russian ex-KGB) border troops on the northern shore. And where in all this did my old comrade Latif fit in? Why was Latif, who only two short years before was threatening fire and brimstone of jihad from the Amu-Dar'ya River to Moscow, now unloading Kalashnikovs delivered by Dustam — a communist general with more dead mujahideen to his name than anyone north of the Hindu Kush? A warlord now working hand in glove with the commie old guard north of the border?

Warlords Make Strange Bedfellows

The answer was very simple and very Afghan. Latif had found himself cut off from supplies of Hezb-i-Islami boss Hekmatyar, staring down the uncomfortably close barrel of Dustam. Since Najib's overthrow, Dustam had declared himself champion of the downtrodden northern minorities and made Latif — a fellow Uzbek — an offer he couldn't refuse: Join ranks, work with me, and benefit from my bounty. Or, alternatively ...

Whatever the myths about glorious martyrdom and the flowing streams of paradise, Afghans — of whatever ethnic stripe — are invariably solid pragmatists who see little virtue in meeting their maker quicker than strictly necessary. Latif, like several other major muj commanders in the north, swallowed his pride along with the Islamic revolution and, armed with brand new Kalashnikovs, turned from poacher to gamekeeper.

Before long his men were working closely with Aka, arresting the same Tadzhikistanis from across the border that he'd been aiding before. Understandably, he's not too keen to meet friends from the old days.

Aka, meanwhile, is chalking up a steady score of gunrunners and looking at a promotion.

As for Dustam, he bears watching. Closely. While the muj pound Kabul into the ground, the Uzbek warlord is sitting up in the north, keeping his options open and his powder dry. For the moment he appears to have more than anyone else in the game.

Mike Winchester filed many stories from Afghanistan for SOF during his 10 years covering the conflict between mujahideen and communist puppet forces. Though that war is over, he continues to follow the fighting endemic to the region. ☒

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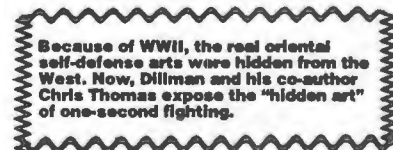
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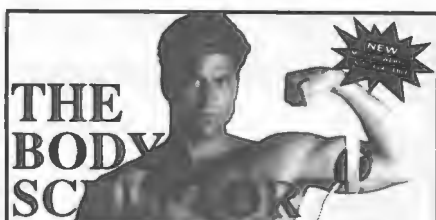
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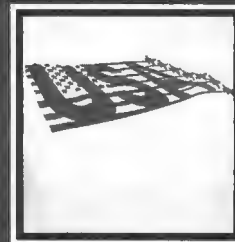


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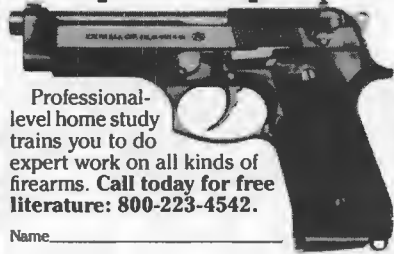
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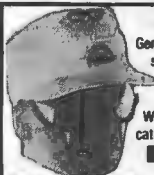
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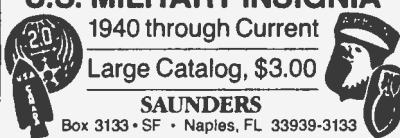


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